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| 88 | Yes | I'd like to see progress in making better choices. I don't necessarily focus on what route that needs to take place but progress and better decision making is the actual issue here.<br><br>I do think we spend too much time trying to set up new way to negotiate or converse about how to do things, who should own or decide or how to purchase land and we've lost sight of moving forward so things actually change.<br>I'd like to have less conversations about how to do things and just get things done.<br><br>Just ask people where they live and why, what else do they need or want. That's it. Ask people where they would like to live and why and what's stopping that. | Stop building boring cookie cutter hideous housing. | 31-40 | Female | Local government or public sector | 3 | Accessible Small Towns |
| 89 | Yes | Scottish Government should stop interfering through muddled Land Reform legislation that has lost purpose, focus instead on best practice for land use, incentivise the rural economy | Biodiversity development, landscape, rural employment | 51-60 | Male | Land manager | 7 | Remote Rural Areas |
| 90 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | Over 70 | Male | Landowner | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 91 | Yes | It is vital for inward investment in our rural areas that land ownership is not constrained by political authoritarianism but that land use can be directed by rewarding desirable uses and management rather than the stick of reform. | It is a joy to live in an area of productive agriculture and mixed-use woodlands | 61-70 | | Landowner | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 92 | Yes | I do not consider that any changes are required | Private ownership of land managed by long term family owners | Over 70 | Male | Landowner | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 93 | Yes | No fundamental changes. | That all the current structures, processes and systems are not destroyed. | Under 30 | Male | Interested Citizen | 1 | Large Urban Areas |
| 94 | Yes | It is essential that good quality productive farm land is not used exclusively for tree planting. We only have so much good productive land in Scotland and it is imperative if we are to have any chance of achieving long term food sustainability that it is all retained for food production. Planty of hillsides and unproductive glens and coastal areas where trees can be planted either for commercial purposes or carbon needs. Productive farm land needs to be farmed less intensively to ensure long term soil health and also with nature banks or areas to ensure nature is allowed to coexist successfully. Land should ideally be sold to local or at worst national people and not to foreign investors or people who can do as they please from a distance. | Control of invasive plants such as bracken, gorse and ragwort | 41-50 | Male | Farmer or Crofter | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 95 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | 41-50 | Prefer not to say | Land manager | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 96 | Yes | I would like to see a greater focus on land use rather than ownership. I am concerned that given our housing and climate change crisis, much time and resource is being spent on redistribution of land for political reasons that does not appear to be based in fact. | Responsible management | 31-40 | Female | Business owner | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 97 | Yes | The changes I would like to see in how land is owned in Scotland. Is I don't think companies or individuals outside of Scotland / UK should be able to own land. I think the big estates should be broken up, and the people of Scotland should be able to own patches of land for recreational use. I think it should be a right to put temporary homes like caravans, eco pods etc on land. This would allow people to get away into nature and improve their mental health. We could tax land and increase the cost the more land you own to stop 1 individual or company owning vast area's of the country. I think councils and Scottish Government should be able to force the sale of land that is abandoned and not maintained. I think most people in Scotland are cut off from the land, and this has caused us real harm in health and well being. I think letting communities take control of their local land will help boost their health, and give them opportunities to generate revenue. To improve their local environment. I think land owned by government and government bodies need to make efforts to re-wild and increase the biodiversity of our land. | I think of disused brown field sites abandoned. Should be sold or re-wilded. | 41-50 | Male | Interested Citizen | 3 | Accessible Small Towns |
| 98 | Yes | Less politically motivated community purchases and more emphasis on proper business plans and economic justification | Proper stewardship | NA | Prefer not to say | None of the above | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 99 | Yes | The question of land ownership always seems to be framed for a northern audience – as if the Highlands and Islands matters more than anywhere else in Scotland. The South West of Scotland needs as much, if not more, protection in terms of land ownership than the Highlands, as due to the scale, the effects of changes to the landscape have a far greater impact on local communities. Our farms are becoming bigger – small scale farming is being bought up by larger farms, and landholdings are separated but they should count as if one holding. Land ownership should not be allowed to hide behind offshore companies and trusts – look at the owners of land subsequently sold for wind turbines and see how they are hiding themselves (but at £40k per turbine it's not a surprise). PLEASE ..... No more turbines in Galloway. No more intensive dairy farming. No more fields used as sacrificial slurry dumps. No more sitka spruce plantations on either good farmland or on the peaty uplands. Give local people a voice. No more decisions being made by Government Reporters [REDACTED - NAMED INDIVIDUAL] For the sake of our children and future generations, just what are we doing to this country? | Intensive dairying is destroying our landscape, soil and biodiversity. | 41-50 | Male | Interested Citizen | 7 | Remote Rural Areas |
| 100 | Yes | A complete re consideration of crofting law as the layers of bureaucracy and continued "feelings of guilt" by government and others means actual land use in many drifting communities is detrimental to the environment. Sheep are in effect an invasive species and their continued "use" on the land should be controlled.<br>Crofting estates to be available for purchase by all members of that community not just the crofting tenants. | Removal of any form of open grazing by sheep and | 61-70 | Female | Interested Citizen | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 101 | Yes | Traditional land ownership has worked for communities for generations. There is no need to keep changing this. Community land ownership has proven a failure as the land on its own does not generate sufficient income. Most land owners introduce income tot he rural economy from other sources. | landscape, wildlife and food production . | 61-70 | Male | Land manager | 7 | Remote Rural Areas |
| 102 | Yes | I want less land in government ownership. The public purse never has enough money for all the demands on it. Better to have private or community owners who have a vested interest in keeping things in order. Access should remain as it already is.<br>Business ownership of huge tracts of land, other than for arable or pastoral farming for food, should be very closely controlled so that it is not used detrimentally or irrevocably changed from farmland.<br>The increasing industrialisation of the highland landscape is detrimental to local communities as it increasingly impacts on tourism. Mountains covered in wind farms and pylons and rivers drained of their water to support 'green' industries do not make either ecological or economic sense. Increasingly warming weather stresses the entire ecology, but the riparian ones particularly. Removal of water for industrial processes from catchment areas across Scotland will destroy the landscapes which are valued across the globe. Industry must fit with Scotland's heritage and ecology, not the other way around. Overhead power lines should be buried or submarine, hydrogen plants should use salt not fresh water, wind farms should be offshore. | prevention of the industrialisation of Spey valley | 51-60 | Prefer not to say | Interested Citizen | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 103 | Yes | Proper funding for public goods such as carbon sequestration | Biodiversity | 61-70 | Non-binary | Farmer or Crofter | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 104 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | 61-70 | Male | Land manager | 1 | Large Urban Areas |
| 105 | Yes | I would like to see a fairer spread of land ownership in Scotland which should not be available to foreign control By all means, allow investment but the ultimate arbiter should be the welfare and good governance of the nation of Scotland. This should be in tablets of stone. Foreign vested interest and absentee landowners only care for their interests, financial and other. | Full access, good environmental care, ownership spread | Over 70 | Female | Interested Citizen | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 106 | Yes | Better information: completion of the Land register at 55% is desperately poor. Make registration compulsory by a set date, with punitive fines if not complied with. The failure of the Register of People with a Controlling Interest rectified and proper monitoring and enforcement. Prepare for a land (value) tax.<br>Only Scottish residents or companies registered and operating in Scotland can own land, like Denmark. If we can do it with crofters, let's do it for all.<br>A cap on the amount of land any beneficiary can own / benefit from.<br>Presumption against Class 1/2/3 agricultural land being used for development. Prioritise food production for Scottish consumption; local, regenerative. Proper support for small farmers. No agri support for growing biofuels and other scams.<br>Land tax and other action to break up the big estates - not the rubbish in the 2024 Land Reform Bill.<br>Right trees in the right place. More focus on urban and peri-urban farming and support for biodiversity.<br>More accessible and non-partisan information on land issues - interested parties are so polarised. | Local food, support biodiversity, protect farm land, flood mitigation. | 61-70 | Female | Farmer or Crofter | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 107 | Yes | No more onshore wind turbines which are destroying our beautiful Scottish landscape | No more wind turbines | 61-70 | Male | Environmental or nature group member | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 108 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | Over 70 | Prefer not to say | Interested Citizen | 2 | Other Urban Areas |
| 109 | Yes | The main change that I would like to see is fully inclusive, integrated and consistent approaches to land use planning, regulation and support mechanisms. This would require a commitment from Scottish Govt and its agencies to move away from the traditional silo'd thinking, and a wholesale commitment to a rapid and just transition to a nature and lower carbon future, with people at its heart. | That the land is being managed in ways that benefit the most people. | 51-60 | Male | Business owner | 1 | Large Urban Areas |
| 110 | Yes | Make it easier for communities to own land, involve community councils in CAT purchases. Make it easier for unused land to become available for young tenants for crafting. | Crofting, making new crofts available in rural areas to young people | 31-40 | Female | Interested Citizen | | |
| 111 | Yes | Decentralised land ownership balanced by democratic very local government | Concentrated land and social space increasing in private ownership | 61-70 | Male | Interested Citizen | 1 | Large Urban Areas |
| 112 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | Over 70 | Male | Interested Citizen | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 113 | Yes | Break up large land ownership. Limit the amount of land and individual, company or trust can own. This would allow more people to own land, more taxes would be paid, communities could have more say, more local trades would be used, communities would prosper, etc, etc. | I would like to see tenant farmers given the chance to own the land they farm | 51-60 | Male | Tenant | 2 | Other Urban Areas |
| 114 | Yes | Land should be improved across all sectors after being neglected for so long. All landowners should have and adhere to a land management plan (perhaps every ten years) to record access improvements, what investment is being made into the long term health of the land and a measurement to meet a basic level of land health ie soil health, woodland health, polutions levels.<br><br>Farm land - requirement for diverse land use, fallow years, rotation of crops and enhanced soil health.<br>Commercial/urban land - any impacts to the land are properly monitored by measurable outcomes eg litter and pollution levels.<br>Residential green spaces - residents have access to well maintained green space within a mile.<br>Commercial woodland - each site required to demonstrate a benefit to local people eg walking and bike trails. Consultation with residents during extraction and extracted in phases to allow wildlife to move safely.<br>Privately owned land - all access maintained. Requirement for owners that land must have a purpose and not simply hoarded for wealth.<br>Any sale or change of use on green field sites to be heavily taxed if their are suitable brown field sites within a specficed sites. | Protection, enhancement and access of/to green spaces for people and wildlife | 31-40 | Female | Community group or development trust member | 2 | Other Urban Areas |
| 115 | Yes | I would like to see an end to field sports, and therefore all forms of land management associated with promoting field sports and increasing the abundance of quarry species - particularly Red Grouse. | That it is returned to a more natural state. | 61-70 | Male | Landowner | 8 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 116 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | 41-50 | Male | Landowner | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 117 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | 51-60 | Female | Landowner | 7 | Remote Rural Areas |
| 118 | Yes | Further reform is unnecessary. The community in which I live has full access, the right to roam, and there are ample opportunities to visit the countryside.<br>Before undertaking more reform, there should be an analysis of earlier reform, particularly Community acquisitions of estates. | Access to walk and ability to comment on development which would affect me. | 61-70 | Male | Farmer or Crofter | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 119 | Yes | If you own land in Scotland, then you should live on Scotland | Right to roam | Over 70 | Female | None of the above | 2 | Other Urban Areas |
| 120 | Yes | More land released for houses with the aim of getting away from the current high density rabbit hutch style we are forced to accept.<br>Land tax on wealthy landowners.<br>Complete rejection of continuing pesticides exemption.<br>Stop to animal cruelty and acceptance of this by government ministers.<br>No more culling of wild birds.<br>No more acceptance of poisoning.<br>Proper accountability across all foodchains.<br>Government to stop being 'pals of the privileged' and start enforcing laws. | Housing being crammed into the tightest spaces. | 51-60 | Male | Interested Citizen | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 121 | Yes | Owners of derelict/vacant land and buildings compelled to use them, sell them or offer them to the local community to use them free of charge. I'm thinking of a number of prominent premises in the town where I live which have been derelict for 30+ years. | That it is out to productive use and maintained in good order. | 51-60 | Male | Interested Citizen | 1 | Large Urban Areas |
| 122 | Yes | Put a stop to overseas buyers.<br><br>Limitation on commercial tree planting.<br><br>Stop companies buying up land for tax avoidance.<br><br>Prevent companies using land to offset their carbon emissions, if they are doing nothing to reduce their emissions other than purchasing land.<br><br>Consider carefully the implications of Community buy outs. There is evidence where considerable funds have been allocated to allow buy outs and the result has been detrimental to the resident population and land use.<br><br>Stop rewilding, in almost all cases it is detrimental to the existing biodiversity. An initial benefit may appear successful, but in a few years the opposite becomes apparent.<br><br>Stop species reintroduction, unless there is a clear plan to deal with the unintended consequences.<br><br>Recognise what the proposed Inheritance Tax changes will do to family farms. Use all influence available to overturn the current proposals.<br><br>Deal with the current uncertainties over tenanted land. So that the opportunities and obligations are fair and clear to owners and tenants. | Land here delivers much of Scot Gov aspirations and needs Ag support to deliver | NA | Female | Farmer or Crofter | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 123 | Yes | Land should be much cheaper - small plots should be affordable for anyone working. Land ownership should be much more diversified with lots of individuals, families, collectives, businesses, etc, able to own land. | Access to land for affordable housing. | 41-50 | Female | Interested Citizen | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 124 | Yes | A land and property tax to properly fund our public services and to replace Council Tax. Weighted so the wealthy pay more tax.<br>A system of gradual ownership decay so that land that becomes unowned (by someone dying intestate with no close relatives) or forfeit (eg by non-payment of land taxes) is passed to the common good. Ideally these windfalls will be passed to community councils (or equivalent) with the proviso that the asset can be surrendered to the Council if the community doesn't want to take it on.<br>Higher taxes on derelict land.<br>Incentives to redevelop empty town centre properties starting with the removal of VAT on conversion and instead placing VAT on new builds. | Wasted empty properties blighting our town. | 51-60 | Male | Interested Citizen | 2 | Other Urban Areas |
| 125 | Yes | Community access and focus on creating more nature corridors regardless of who the owners are. There should be full disclosure on who owns what and how potential partnerships can be formed. I'd also be keen to see how more shared community gardens or farms could be created to lessen a reliance on external food chains that could be easily broken based on geo-politics and/or climate. | I live in an urban area and take heart in the green spaces offered. | 51-60 | Female | Interested Citizen | 1 | Large Urban Areas |
| 126 | Yes | Maintenance of communities and jobs. Some form of checks on land suitability before being moved over to mass monoculture planting of trees in unsuitable conditions. Thorough feasibility reviews on significant changes such as woodland with recommendations around biodiversity especially when carbon credits or equivalent schemes are being farmed by investment companies.<br><br>Assessment of changes of use such as BESS taking in the whole picture not just on a case by case basis. Looking at the impact on the local community of all existing applications and additive effects.<br><br>Use of brownfield sites in the push for net zero. Review of the potential to increase accessible green areas in urban zones.<br><br>Improvement in communication re caring for our land and our rural environment when visiting. Improved network of visitor waste and rubbish disposal. | Well managed cared for, biodiverse balanced production , | 41-50 | Female | Farmer or Crofter | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 127 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | 41-50 | Female | Tenant | 2 | Other Urban Areas |
| 128 | Yes | More flexibility within designated areas for regenerative farming systems. More education with the public on responsible land access. For landscape nature recovery landscape sized pieces of land are needed and have their place. | Large landscape areas of land involved in food production and nature recovery | 31-40 | Female | Landowner | 7 | Remote Rural Areas |
| 129 | Yes | We need to look into crofting, there are lots of the older generation, not upholding their duties, and do noting productive. These people sometimes hold 8-8croft tenancy's, they then pass it down to someone who already has enough land and will do the same as the previous person. Nothing. No young person can get into crofting, when zero are available in Shetland, and some people just keep amalgamating more and more. This is the case in Shetland, especially in unst. This needs to really be looked into. [REDACTED - NAMED INDIVIDUAL] | Our next generation,hoping that our kids have a future in crofting if they want | 31-40 | Prefer not to say | Tenant | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 130 | Yes | Return to respect for the principle of property title. End of appropriation by non-democratic means ie 'codes' not scrutinised by parliament. Removal of stateism eg national parks. Obligations relating to access to be LEGALLY enforceable eg ability to persue litterers for costs. National strategy on land use and zoning eg planting only unproductive agricultural land. Proper compensation for disenfranchisement eg compulsory purchase/wayleaves. Education on land and how it works to be added to national curriculum eg part of geography. end of community funding without strong econmomic case (ending gerrymandering) | Noplant productive agri landCarbon code permanent grassLegal enforce Access Code | 41-50 | Prefer not to say | Land manager | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 131 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | 51-60 | Male | Land manager | 7 | Remote Rural Areas |
| 132 | Yes | The journey has barely begun !! I am no expert but the fact that 450 or so individuals own a huge chunk of private land in Scotland is ridiculous and unfair. Such large holdings must be broken up ASAP. The means to do so are well known and understood. Governmental political will and courage are required to stand up to wealthy landowners NOW.<br>The introduction of a Land Tax might speed things up.<br>No more consultations, please just get on with it! | Land owned, run by and for the local community i.e. Community Ownership. | Over 70 | Male | Environmental or nature group member | 1 | Large Urban Areas |
| 133 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | 41-50 | Female | Local government or public sector | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 134 | Yes | Ideally I would like to see much more land being owned by communities, putting the power into our hands.<br><br>Where rural land is owned by large estate owners or farmers, I would like to see them viewing themselves as custodians of the land for the local community, working transparently with them to enable responsible access and a real stake in the land. | I live in a rural area and would love to be able to walk freely | 41-50 | Female | Interested Citizen | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 135 | Yes | I believe that we need to completely shift the way we view land in Scotland, away from a private commodity, to be sold at market price, toward a model that values land as a public good, to be bought and run for the benefit of the community. This means making community buyouts the norm and not the exception, supporting communities properly where there is a desire so organise and purchase land but a lack of infrastructure, particularly in terms of legal understanding, to do so. It also means looking beyond buyouts to wider reform of the system - not treating buyouts like a silver bullet but as an essential part of challenging intrenched class and power structures in Scotland. Reform must include real penalties for owners who do not consult on sales or share land management plans - placed on a statutory footing and enforced by a well staffed commission. It must also include a public interest test and a more restrictive limit on the size of purchases. To my home community of the West Highlands and Islands, it would mean having more say over our land, and it would help repeople an area that is in crisis and desperately needs housing and an economy that goes beyond seasonal tourism. | A more restrictive cap on purchases and a well enforced public interest test. | 41-50 | Female | Interested Citizen | 1 | Large Urban Areas |
| 136 | Yes | I see no need for change in the current ownership of land in Scotland. Anybody has the right to buy and use land as they see fit for their own and the communities benefit. The reason given for a review is purely politically motivated by the Scottish population, who want everything but do nothing to achieve it. It is a sort of National jealousy. Large estates exist because small parcels of moorland do not produce sufficient income to the owner. Landownership is a commercial business that must be sustainable financially. Any business that is not financially sound will go into liquidation, and that is why we have such large estates. Break them up and they will all collapse and leave the countryside in a bigger mess. | It is maintained, is profitable without Government interference | Over 70 | Male | Community group or development trust member | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 137 | Yes | A covenant or regulations (and appropriate funding) that a sustainable amount of land be agroecologically farmed for production of local food. | That communities are surrounded by fields that do not feed us | 41-50 | Female | Interested Citizen | 8 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 138 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | 31-40 | Female | Farmer or Crofter | 8 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 139 | Yes | A focus on land management rather than ownership. | Ecologically focused agricultural management | 31-40 | Female | Land manager | 7 | Remote Rural Areas |
| 140 | Yes | More transparency about who owns land.<br>Land not being sold to foreign investors<br>Greater support for re-wilding initiatives<br>Greater public/community ownership rather than large estates used for hunting and shooting - which just serves the rich and destroys the landscape. | The right to roam is extremely important. | 61-70 | Female | Interested Citizen | 1 | Large Urban Areas |
| 141 | Yes | I sat across the table from 5 landowners at a deer meeting recently. All 5 were white men of privilege, in their 50s plus, educated and absentee. They believed that they represented the community and the community's interests, even though none of them live full-time on the estates they own. As a younger, working-class, landless female who lives and works in the highlands, I was disgusted! I have worked in crofting/farming, as a ranger and currently as an ecologist. I love Scotland, its land, its heritage, its people, but I deplore the land ownership system which has kept us chained to the misdeings of the past when our lands were stolen, colonised and redistributed to the red coats and turncoats of this nation. We are still beholden to the English and the Scottish families who threw our ancestors off their land, removing their agency, which we historically held, connecting us to the land.<br>We need to break up large estates, Landowners should vote and pay taxes in this country. Land needs to be protected through management plans. | I want the land and the nature that depend on it to be respected, restored. | 31-40 | Female | Environmental or nature group member | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 142 | Yes | It's not rocket-science or difficult.<br>Basically, if the proposals are put into law for a Public Interest Test, Land Management Plan approved by the people living and working on that land, for all Landowners over 500 hectares plus compulsory selling of land if there is a better community driven use for that land, then we would be 90% on the way to having a better Scotland, locally and nationally.<br>Sites of local significance are immediately important and land taxation should also be quickly considered.<br>Less analysis and re-analysis of the situation would help. Theproblem is not new.....sort it!<br>I live in a rural community landowned area and the evidence of success is there already for all to see as it is in other rural/urban areas.<br>Rural areas are transformed and hitting national as well as local targets.<br>Look at [REDACTED - NAMED INDIVIDUAL].....through community purchase of land, a situation of more people, new crofts, more houses, increasing population, increasing school roll thus a typical example of community development when 15 years ago they were on their knees.<br>That can happen across all remote rural Scotland but the levers must be made simpler and easier. | Opportunity that community landownership has opened up | Over 70 | Male | Community group or development trust member | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 143 | Yes | Land ownership must be more democratic and available to local communities. For example what is taken place at Kenmore where an American company can establish an area for the very rich to have fun does not meet with the ideals of many Scots. The problem is the opportunity for employment in a rural community becomes a deciding factor. Also the development of golf courses on sand dune habitats in the North East of Scotland is the same. The damage to very important ecosystems is 'trumped' by employment needs.<br><br>At the age of 67 no changes to land ownership will have an effect on me but it is what it will be to young people.<br>We need to demonstrate to them that there is work to be had. We need to get away from the landscape that F. Fraser Darling described as a desert more than a hundred years ago. The landscape which is maintained by the 'Sporting Estates' to this day by burning and control is any species which may affect the birds they wish to shoot! In areas with more enlightened land owners where Deer numbers are controlled a much more diverse habitat has been produced. | living in a semi rural area it is mainly recreational land for young people. | 61-70 | Male | Environmental or nature group member | 3 | Accessible Small Towns |
| 144 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | 51-60 | Female | Landowner | 7 | Remote Rural Areas |
| 145 | Yes | I'd like to see an analysis of the type of land that is owned and by whom (woodland, rivers, hills, urban, village, fields) only then can you understand what landownership is is.<br>Landownership for communities seems to be linked to their immediate locality but if a community ownership has done great work and wants to help other areas do the same why should they not be afforded the same chance to take on more ownership if that immediate community aren't in the position to? | The planning system and ability to build | 31-40 | Male | Interested Citizen | | |
| 146 | Yes | I would like to see more diverse woodland ownership, and also a register of woodland owners. For example: an online platform where i can see (for sake of an example) how much land [REDACTED - NAMED INDIVIDUAL] (one the largest private landowners) owns, the length of tenure, and the location.<br><br>In short; Transparency in ownership statistics | That it is well managed (in the broadest sense, by owner objectives) | 31-40 | Male | Land manager | 1 | Large Urban Areas |
| 147 | Yes | 1. Land ownership /governance /taxation systems foster a much greater number, and diversity, of types of land owner a well as sustainable land management and greater public participation in decisions about how land is used.<br>2. All land uses, including agriculture and forestry, are practiced sustainably across Scotland. This would entail a move towards land use systems that sequester carbon, conserve and enhance biodiversity and soils, provide a wide range of ecosystem services and enhance the social and economic wellbeing of local communities.<br>3. All new built developments are environmentally and socially sustainable. This would mean no building on good agricultural land or on areas of high nature value as well as all new developments having a low carbon and water footprint, increased biodiversity value and being designed to foster and support strong local communities.<br><br>These changes would provide enormous environmental, social, economic and health benefits to the people of Scotland and, by so doing, would help to foster the physical and psychological resilience that will be needed to support them into an increasingly uncertain future. | All of the above. | 61-70 | Female | Environmental or nature group member | 2 | Other Urban Areas |
| 148 | Yes | At [REDACTED - NAMED INDIVIDUAL], we implement climate forest projects within the framework of the UK Woodland Carbon Code and restore peatland allied to the UK Peatland Code. These projects count towards Scotland's commitment to the UN Paris Agreement on Climate Change.<br><br>These projects require a level of scale in order for them to be viable. Scotland is ideally suited for such projects because of the scale of land holdings by single entities. This makes the projects simple from a legal standpoint. Whereas in Wales, a fragmented pattern of land ownership hampers the creation of such projects, and they typically exist on small farms with minimal impact. | Public access via nature trails can be created as part of forestry projects. | 51-60 | Male | Business owner | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 149 | Yes | Vast tracts of Scotland are still owned by a small number of individuals and entities. Victorian practices prevail in many private estates, to the detriment of the environment and wildlife and hampers the economic diversification which would serve the interests of the wider community. More of Scotland should be in community ownership, the holding of multiple tracts of land by a single owner should be prevented by law, and there must be complete transparency as to ownership and management practices and policy. | Preventing rogue shooting estate owners harming wildlife. | Over 70 | Female | Interested Citizen | 3 | Accessible Small Towns |
| 150 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | Over 70 | Female | Interested Citizen | 1 | Large Urban Areas |
| 151 | Yes | Break up large estates and support communities and local individuals to buy small areas to support local jobs and increase local employment and leisure opportunities. Look at how other communities make the most of their land eg communes in Switzerland who use the woodland they own to operate sustainable woodland management, timber sales, highly-skilled woodworking, biomass district heating schemes, and even the chance for local people to rent chalets in communities woods for social gatherings. Take action to bring disused land and buildings in towns back into use. Support the development of rural and urban food growing on community land to improve health and food resilience. Last but most important, change energy policy to favour local energy generation owned and managed by local communities. | Stopping the current onslaught of speculation on renewable energy. | 61-70 | Female | Interested Citizen | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 152 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | 51-60 | Female | Farmer or Crofter | 5 | Very Remote Small Towns |
| 153 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | Over 70 | Male | Business owner | 7 | Remote Rural Areas |
| 154 | Yes | I am not happy that highland is having so many turbines, power lines etc etc<br>This land is fragile and it is currently being industrialised.<br>Once it's changed it will never go back to its glorious wildness.<br>It is magnificent... why oh why are we allowing this to happen. | Wildness and quietness and of course farming. | 61-70 | Female | Interested Citizen | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 155 | Yes | Stop the industrialisation of the Highlands. Scotland already produces more electricity than it requires. Energy which is transmitted across hundreds of miles is not green. | The wildlife, fauna and small rural communities who work the land | 51-60 | Female | Interested Citizen | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 156 | Yes | I believe that it's important that communities have the final say over energy infrastructure that goes on land and destroys environment and lives | The wild space where nature and wildlife thrive and the silence can be heard | 61-70 | Female | Environmental or nature group member | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 157 | Yes | Land should not be owned by just a few people owing huge estates. And especially those estates which are owned by people from outwith Scotland. Massive estates should be divided up to provide land for housing so that YOUNG people can have somewhere to live and not have to move away because they cannot afford to buy or rent properties. Stop people from buying land simply to build housing as a second home or for renting out to tourists. The land of Scotland should be affordable to the next generation. Bring the young back into the deserted glens of these large estates which will produce a vibrant society full of all ages and not just the rich and retirees. (I live in the Highlands). | Housing for young people and crofting being encouraged not tourist accommodation | NA | | Interested Citizen | | |
| 158 | Yes | It appears that right now in Scotland it doesn't matter how it's owned or used - our govt is allowing & supporting our rural areas being turned into dumping grounds for 400kv overhead pylons, wind turbines, large acreages of sub-stations, Battery Energy Storage Systems, and the rest of the industrial junk required to take power through what appears to be almost the whole of Scotland in order to supply England with power.<br>The only changes I can think of is an immediate change of government in order to save Scotlands rural areas from its complete industrialisation. | Allow nature to flourish, care in new developments, community responsibilities. | 61-70 | Female | Farmer or Crofter | 2 | Other Urban Areas |
| 159 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | 61-70 | Female | Farmer or Crofter | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 160 | Yes | Nature, habitat -ceosystems, food security, health-wellbeing-education, regmerative-organic agriculture, localized direct energy eg windmill (not electric turbine), growing crops for local industry needs (eg hemp, flax...no/very low tilling & chemicals plus raw materials available then for manufacturing of clothing, furniture, construction, shipping incl ropes), native woods and access to walks in rural areas too where intensive agriculture cuts some rural areas of any wildlife roam area.<br>Attar reducing plastic & packing first, recycle plants and places to make new products from that recycling.<br>Rewinding significant areas, protecting rivers & water....stop single use plastic drink companies & do 100% refill or drink in drinks (no cola or Scottish spring water abstraction). Reduce whiskey industry. | Pollution free, nature friendly, food products, no factory farm | NA | Female | Landowner | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 161 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | 51-60 | Female | Landowner | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 162 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | 41-50 | Male | Business owner | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 163 | Yes | A stop to any more BIG renewable energy projects. Instead, a deployment of localised, small energy production. | Keeping it wild and as natural as possible with sympathetic development. | 51-60 | Female | Interested Citizen | 7 | Remote Rural Areas |
| 164 | Yes | True protection from the destruction posed by energy infrastructure. Protection for land and its custodians, preservation should be the priority. | The joy it brings by it's mere existence. Demanding nothing but open to abuse. | 51-60 | Female | Community group or development trust member | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 165 | Yes | Ownership of land comes with not only personal fiscal responsibilities but with societal obligations. I would like to see the good of the community conducted in all land use systems. | No pylons, wind farms or BESS units. | 61-70 | Female | Interested Citizen | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 166 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | 51-60 | Female | Interested Citizen | 8 | Very Remote Rural Areas |
| 167 | No | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | [REDACTED - NO CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION] | 51-60 | Female | Interested Citizen | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 168 | Yes | None. As a believer in the free market, I consider that the State should not interfere. The evidence for Scots having suffered some disadvantage from the current free market in land and its use, is not compelling. More than making more efficient the way that the market operates today will not improve our community. Much more important are decisions taken in areas of intensive land use as to the productivity of the activity going on there. | Sustainability: leaving the land in at least as good a condition as we got it. | 51-60 | Male | Business owner | 7 | Remote Rural Areas |
| 169 | Yes | Simple, really. Estates should be impounded from landlords and administered by a community company and allocates building plots as well as shares in land use enterprises. The shortfall in "investment" (that formerly came from the landlord) to be replaced with a building society type fund which loans to families wanting to build houses and live in the area. No house building firms allowed, only self-builders. The old cleared clachans and townships will quickly rise up from the ashes. | Taken from the people, a playground for privilege ever since | NA | | | | |
| 170 | Yes | I would like to see more community owned land utilised for creating woodland & wildlife, community owned high quality rented houses, & play areas that are accessible to all.<br>Large estates owned by absentee owners to be developed to create facilities both for visitors to the area & local.<br>Local Development Trusts should be formed to empower people in communities to work for the benefit of the wider community either by setting up community enterprises or apprenticeships to train young people in the areas they live to learn skills that will help them in their future careers. Community run businesses cafes & social care services which includes accomodation nearby for those that work there. That means that people will be enabled to remain in the area where they work & live in the longer term. | Wildlife friendly farming practice | 61-70 | Female | Landowner | 2 | Other Urban Areas |
| 171 | Yes | I would like to see all land used in an ecological way whether forest, farm or other land use. It is vital that uses that degrade the soil, flute and water, deplete biodiversity should be stopped. This could be done with tax.<br>I would like communities given the opportunity to own enough land to be able to live sustainably. That includes enough land to build sufficient numbers of homes on, farm food crops and trees .<br>I would like to see land looked at strategically in areas big enough that enable natural climate change prevention measures to be carried out such as planting trees upstream of flood-prone areas. This could possibly be more bioregions.<br>I would like more land dedicated to commercial forest four timber for building (to reduce the amount of imported timber), with an emphasis on mixed woodland.<br>There should be carrot and stick measures to get more homes built reusing existing buildings and building on brownfield sites to avoid good arable land turned into housing. Communities should be given more resources to be able to build homes to prevent the population of rule Scotland. | Healthy and varied biodiversity. | 61-70 | Female | Interested Citizen | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |
| 172 | Yes | I would like to see large estates owned by individuals or companies broken up, or at least required to submit to community representation with real power to influence how they are managed. I would like to see a ban on shooting of birds on all land in Scotland unless sanctioned specifically by NatureScot for population management.<br>I would like to see a restriction on erection of wind turbines and battery storage facilities and hydro electric generation plants so that none can proceed without the explicit consent of affected communities and with those communities owning a stake in them, not fobbed off with meagre royalties.<br>I'd like to see Scotland follow other European countries with legislation requiring landowners to rewild significant proportions of the land they are responsible for. | The protection and maintenance of the natural environment and habitat. | 61-70 | Male | Interested Citizen | 6 | Accessible Rural Areas |