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feedback_economic_prosperity: Scottish Coal (SC) have a continuing economic interest in the coal industry in Ayrshire (direct & indirect employment currently about 1000 people) , particularly Rural East Ayrshire. Seeking to build on the economic and environmental benefits and assets of the area, SC have aspirations to develop a range of renewable energy projects linked to the 'low carbon' economy. Local sustainable business which maximise the use of Ayrshire's natural resources and tourism and leisure potential and should be promoted in favour of the traditional less sustainable inward investment approach.

feedback_future_communities: There should be a balance between the (justified) expansion of larger towns and the role of smaller rural based settlements that could be extended and linked to a revival/diversification of the rural areas, supported by employment which harnesses Ayrshires natural resources along with enhanced public transport provision.

feedback_land_investment: The above comments on 'Future Communities' are considered as particularly relevant to housing and the opportunities for rural East Ayrshire

feedback_transport: Opportunities to promote transportation links in to the rural areas would improve regeneration prospects.

feedback_green_future: Scottish Coal would support the introduction of a renewable energy strategy , with a strong emphasis on the use of local Ayrshire biomass and combi-fuel (coal and biomass) energy generation.

feedback_rural_ayrshire: Scottish Coal feel there is a real need to consider diversification of the rural economy away from traditional production to look at a range of new and large scale crops linked to energy production eg short rotational coppicing.

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