

Summary of Wick Community Development Questionnaire

All respondents confirmed they live in Wick or the immediate area.

Overall Housing Growth

- 70% oppose further housing (44% strongly oppose, 26% oppose)
- 16% support
- 13% neutral

73% believe further housing would have a negative impact

Scale Preference

- 47% – No additional housing
- 41% – Small-scale (<20 homes)
- 10% – 20–50 homes
- 2% – 50+ homes

Key Theme: Strong resistance to large-scale growth. Limited openness to small-scale development only.

Affordable / Social Housing

- 44% support affordable housing in principle
- 39% oppose
- 17% unsure

If delivered: 78% want priority for people with local connections

Key Theme: Divided on provision, but strong consensus on local connection.

Infrastructure

- 73% say infrastructure is inadequate or very inadequate
- 90% say improvements must come before or alongside development

Top priorities:

- Drainage & utilities
- Road capacity / traffic
- Public transport
- School capacity

Key Theme: Infrastructure capacity is the dominant planning concern.

Green Space & Environment

- 100% say protection of green space is important
- 80% say any loss should be offset
- 71% say energy efficiency standards are very important

Key Theme: Environmental protection carries near universal support.

Heol Fain Site

- 74% oppose development at Heol Fain
- 65% say site is unsuitable
- 82% concerned about impacts
- 67% rank “infrastructure before occupation” as essential
- 79% rank “protection of green space” as essential
- 60% rank improved road access as essential

Key Theme: Strong opposition to this specific allocation, but clear planning-based conditions identified if progressed.