

Easdale Island

Rush and Gush Survey

This survey is being distributed to the residents, landowners, stakeholders and friends of Easdale Island to let you know what's been happening over at the Rush and Gush and to give you an opportunity to have your say in the next stage.

This survey is being undertaken by *Suzanne McIntosh Planning* on behalf of Eilean Eisdeal. Suzanne McIntosh is an experienced, qualified and independent Chartered Town Planner, Urban Designer and Mediator.

The information gained in this survey will be analysed and the outcomes and any recommendations will be reported to Eilean Eisdeal and Argyll and Bute Council.

As you may be aware the council Planners have been in discussion with Eilean Eisdeal after a complaint was made that building materials and rubbish have been dumped and stored at the Rush and Gush on Eilean Eisdeal land.

A meeting was held with the Planners and they have requested that Eilean Eisdeal submit a planning application to change the use of the land at the Rush and Gush to a formalised area for storage.

The discussions with the Planners brought to light that there are a number of points for the community to consider first before Eilean Eisdeal prepare any application.

These are:

- 1. How do we ensure that fly tipping is dealt with appropriately and effectively?**
- 2. How we get a bulky uplift service reinstated to the island to prevent goods being dumped indefinitely?**
- 3. Whether we use this opportunity to examine how we can better accommodate our waste needs and recycling as well as improving the appearance of the harbour?**
- 4. How we can preserve our Category B Listed Harbour from further damage from the large landing craft docking at the pier walls and the wheelie bins being moved by heavy machinery?**
- 5. How we can better move heavy goods to and from the island in future?**

Once you've had a chance to put your thoughts down on here we'd be grateful if you would forward them by email before 20th April 2013 to: easdalesurvey@gmail.com or post to Suzanne McIntosh Planning, 45C Bath Street, Portobello, Edinburgh, EH15 1HB if that's easier for you.

As part of this it is proposed that we have an informal drop in session on Saturday 13th April from 10.30am to 12.30pm in the Easdale Island Hall to allow us to share ideas, discuss the issues with each other and consider the options. Please note this is not a public meeting with a presentation but an informal discussion.

This survey aims to give everyone a chance to have their say about the current issues regarding waste on the island and the existing and potential use of the 'Rush and Gush' and to help them make informed choices.

We'd like to hear your thoughts on the points on the previous page.

We would also like you to respond on a number of specific questions below.

Please answer all of the questions/ highlight/ circle as appropriate.

I have used or thought it was ok to use the 'Rush and Gush' to dump unwanted items	Yes	No	Occasionally	Never
The council's current waste provision on Easdale is:	Excellent	Good for some items	Needs improvement	Inadequate for the needs of Easdale
Most of the time, the dump at the 'Rush and Gush' is:	Not noticeable	Noticeable at certain times of the tide	A constant eyesore	
I believe that there needs to be a more formalised use of the 'Rush and Gush' for recycling or other purposes	Strongly disagree	Unsure but would like to explore options	Happy with current arrangements	Strongly agree

Other comments and responses to points 1 – 5 (continue on a separate page if your require)

Space for comments – see next page for further questions

