

**ENHANCED AND REVITALISED THEMATIC ACTION PLAN TEAM
BUILDING THE EVIDENCE BASE FOR ERTAP'S ACTION PLAN
SUMMARY OF STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENTS AS AT 22 FEBRUARY 2019**

1. ERTAP – SUMMARY OF STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT RESPONSES

Who	How Many
Resident	4
Business Owner	2
Public Sector	4
Community/Voluntary	4
Total	14

2. WHAT THE STAKEHOLDERS SAID

2.1 Strengths to Build On

Residents	Community/Voluntary Member
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lurgan Park (but more events) ▪ Brownlow House (welcoming to all) ▪ Oxford Island (boat cruises, festivals) ▪ Tourist attractions ▪ Tidy, well looked after town (Armagh) ▪ Interest in historical landmarks: Navan Fort, 2 Cathedrals, Armagh Gaol (tours) ▪ Natural landscape ▪ Young population ▪ Community groups and activities ▪ Community policing/neighbourhood network ▪ Local events, festivals, lights switch on etc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Historic and civic identity ▪ Good community relations (relatively) ▪ Commercial shopping/business core ▪ Potential of Central Craigavon to attract money from outside area and to reinvent older towns as unique centres ▪ Borough's industrial base (helped by improved transport infrastructure) ▪ Historical, cultural, environmental tourism potential (better promoted) ▪ Strong community group infrastructure (more practical and funding supports would give substantial multiplier effect) ▪ ABC diverse council area (better joined up networking between 3 parts of it) ▪ Lurgan Park/Craigavon lakelands ▪ Outdoor activities for all ▪ Children's play facilities
Business Owner	Public Sector Organisation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Safe hometown, good community spirit ▪ Good work transport links (Portadown) ▪ Good facilities ▪ Quality of business accommodation ▪ Access to motorways to enable travel to rest of NI, Republic of Ireland, ports etc ▪ Improving quantity, quality of facilities ▪ Recent investments (Central Craigavon) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Places of culture (Navan Fort/Trian) ▪ Places of historical interest (cathedrals) ▪ Theatre (attracts people outside town) ▪ History and heritage (Armagh) ▪ Good place to work and do business ▪ Roads infrastructure ▪ Natural environment ▪ Good range of business

2.2 Issues/Challenges to Consider

Residents	Community/Voluntary Member
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Derelict buildings: encourage “pop-up” shops and restaurants (Lurgan/Portadown) ▪ Reopening of canal-to-canal boats etc ▪ Places for young people to go to reduce ASB e.g. bowling alley, nightclub ▪ Focus on what the people need ▪ Evening and nightlife economy ▪ Good transport links in/out of Borough ▪ More youth groups/facilities ▪ Good leisure facilities including parks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding and advisory supports ▪ Ways to better connect communities across ABC ▪ Leadership from the top and politicians showing willingness to work together for the benefit of all ▪ Support for community/sports/church groups to be less parochial (I’m alright Jack syndrome)
Business Owner	Public Sector Organisation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More grant assistance for small business at start up stage for non-Invest NI business ▪ Grants to assist business development/growth ▪ Dilapidated buildings: strategy and plan to improve facilities including restaurants (Tandragee lacks character and atmosphere) ▪ Reduce business rates to encourage new businesses to town centres, and to keep existing business going ▪ Events such as food markets, music etc to give a buzz and attract people into town centres 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Roads infrastructure: improvement and maintenance of existing roads to facilitate the movement of people and goods for business and pleasure within the borough and beyond ▪ Direct employment of architects to save fees and to ensure local knowledge and feel for places to improve design of Council projects and public realm ▪ Improve shopping experience and things for young people to do including nightclubs so don’t travel so often outside borough (Armagh) ▪ Derelict buildings throughout the borough especially in urban areas ▪ Layout of town centre seems unappealing to the public especially with parking difficulties ▪ More direct and ongoing community engagement ▪ Better use of large parks e.g. Tanaghmore Gardens and improved public facilities e.g. Lurgan Park