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1. **To what extent do you consider the Bill will empower communities?**
   It will give further opportunity and encouragement to community groups to engage with Police Scotland allowing stronger ties to be created and allow local ideas and wishes to be developed. An opportunity for groups to have a home for their organisation. The Bill recognises the importance and strength of community.

2. **What will be the benefits and disadvantages for the public sector organisations?**
   **Benefits** – it will support and develop stronger engagement with communities, allow innovation to flourish and bring communities closer together. **Disadvantages** – have Police Scotland the resources and capacity to support such engagement?

3. **Do you consider communities across Scotland have the capabilities to take advantage of the provisions of the Bill?** If not what requires to be done to assist? Disadvantaged communities can struggle to engage with Police Scotland. This can be overcome by positive community work within the area as all areas have individuals or groups able to engage. More advantaged communities have the skills and willingness to engage and embark on projects. But both still need varying degrees of support through the process.

4. **Are you content with the specific provisions in the Bill?** If not what changes would you like to see? A tighter definition of what a community is, for example defining and confirming the local nature of the group. This could potentially prevent nefarious groups although community groups but not local based moving into an area for their own aims. These aims not necessarily being representative of the local based population.

5. Relates to island population. No return.