DESIGN CHARRETTES

SOUTH WEST JOHNSTONE DESIGN CHARRETTE
In 2011, Austin-Smith:Lord led the multi-disciplinary team that delivered a very successful design charrette for Renfrewshire Council in Johnstone South West as the first event in phase 2 of the Scottish Government’s Scottish Sustainable Communities Initiative.

The charrette was conducted over an intensive 5 day period involving an onsite design studio in Spateston Bowling Club and a series of design workshops and events attended by over 300 people and culminating in an exhibition and presentation attended by Council leaders and the Minister for Local Government and Planning.

Austin-Smith:Lord and Douglas Wheeler Associates coordinated a team comprising urban designers, architects, landscape architects, engineers, traffic planners, property agents, cost consultants, historians, artists and regeneration consultants combining to develop a vision for Johnstone SW to be taken forward by Renfrewshire Council in the emerging Local Development Plan. The vision includes development sites for a new district centre, 500 houses, enhanced open space and street networks, improvements to public transport infrastructure and an implementation strategy that works with the existing assets of the area to create a viable plan for regeneration.

SOUTH WISHAW DESIGN CHARRETTE
Our second charrette within the Scottish Government’s Scottish Sustainable Communities Initiative was in South Wishaw. This charrette focused on developing a spatial strategy for housing development for the local area, the aim being to engage with invited community representatives, council staff, land owners, housing developers and other stakeholders.

Nearly 70 people were involved over an intense and focussed two and half days. The Austin-Smith:Lord led team used the charrette to work up and test a framework based on the following four components in a sequential process:

- Identifying and using five scenarios;
- Agreeing eight appraisal criteria to test specific typical housing sites in South Wishaw;
- Illustrating various housing development typologies for specific sites;
- Identifying a preferred emerging spatial strategy.

FURTHER DESIGN CHARRETTES:
- Clydebank Charrette
- Dunoon Charrette
- Elgin Charrette
- Brechin Charrette
- Port Glasgow Charrette
- Whitburn Charrette
- Arbroath Charrette
- Montrose Charrette
- Greenock Charrette
- Kirriemuir Charrette
- Monifieth Charrette
- Dunoon Charrette