

East Dunbartonshire Local Development Plan Newsletter

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Proposed Local Development Plan 2 – Next Steps

Council Decision

At its [meeting on Thursday 20 August 2020](#), East Dunbartonshire Council approved the Proposed Local Development Plan 2 for publication. This means that the Proposed Plan is now the Council's settled view on the land use strategy for East Dunbartonshire and may now be a material consideration in the assessment of planning applications.

The Council's approval includes a Proposed Delivery Programme, which sets out how the Council expects each policy and proposal within the Proposed Plan to be delivered. In addition, the Council has approved a programme of work for Supplementary and Planning Guidance, including consultation on a Sustainability and Energy Statement form (this will support Policy 9: Climate Change, Sustainability and Energy Infrastructure, which is a new policy).

Finally, a number of developers submitted new proposed development sites during the Main Issues Report consultation held between October and December 2019. These nine additional sites were assessed using the same site assessment methodology as was used at the pre-MIR stage. None of the nine sites have been included in the Proposed Plan, however the Council has agreed that they will be included as part of the forthcoming representation period (see below) and are included in an amended Monitoring Statement: Appendix 8. Anyone, including local residents and any other interested party, will be able to submit comments on the sites during the representation period. As such, comments received during the consultation will be included in the formal LDP2 process and be considered by both the Council and Scottish Ministers.

Forthcoming Representation Period

Now that the Proposed Plan has been approved by the Council, the next step is to carry out public consultation and invite any representations. Representations may consist of supportive comments in addition to any objections. It is anticipated that the representation period will commence in late September 2020, however this is subject to design, preparation and administration considerations. All consultation activities will be carried out in accordance with guidance issued by the Scottish Government in relation to Covid-19 and development planning.

The Council's Development Plan Scheme sets out the LDP2 Participation Statement which details the Council's approach to consultation on each stage in the LDP2 process. This can be found at:

<https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/planning/planning-policy/development-plan-scheme>

Given the likelihood that physical distancing requirements will remain in place during the proposed consultation period, the Council will aim to maximise opportunities provided by digital consultation methods, such as interactive web based events and enhanced use of the Council website. We will of course continue to publicise

via non-digital methods including the local press, interaction with Community Councils and distribution of letters to households in line with statutory 'neighbour notification' procedures.

Further details on these consultation activities, including specific dates and information on how to take part, will be provided in a future issue of this Newsletter.

Community Councils and other Community Groups - Meeting

Prior to the consultation period commencing, the Council is organising an online briefing for community councils and other community groups to discuss the consultation arrangements for the Plan, at 7pm 31 August 2020.

The briefing will involve a presentation on changes to the Development Plan Schemes participation statement, due to Covid-19 restrictions on public gatherings. It will also involve a discussion on how community councils and groups can best take part in the consultation, which will be primarily online and any other relevant issues such as arrangements for those who do not have access to a computer or online device.

An email invite was sent to community councils and groups on Thursday 20 August 2020 with instructions on how to join. If you represent a community group and would like to attend, please get in touch with us by emailing development.plan@eastdunabrtton.gov.uk. Please note that places will be limited to 2 per community council or group.

Local Transport Strategy 2020-2025

The Council has worked to develop a new Local Transport Strategy for East Dunbartonshire and following the completion of a comprehensive process that included two separate periods of public consultation, the Local Transport Strategy 2020-2025 was presented to the Council's Place, Neighbourhood and Corporate Assets Committee on 12 March 2020. This Committee, held prior to lockdown, formally approved the Local Transport Strategy 2020-2025 for publication and delivery of the actions included within.



The Local Transport Strategy 2020-2025 is a detailed vision for enhancing transport and travel in East Dunbartonshire. The Strategy sets out the Council's policy on transport, presents Transport Planning Objectives and coordinates future priorities through a series of actions and interventions. The Objectives focus on enabling a shift to sustainable transport, reducing inequality, reducing emissions, enabling sustainable economic growth, increasing walking and cycling rates and improving safety.

The Council is committed to delivering the projects listed within the strategy on active travel, public transport, roads and parking to ensure the Objectives are achieved over the next five years.

The Local Transport Strategy 2020-2025 along with supporting documents can be viewed in full on the Council's website via the following link: <https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/local-transport-strategy>

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