

East Dunbartonshire Local Development Plan Newsletter



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Have Your Say on the Proposed Local Development Plan 2

People are being invited to view and comment on a vital document which - when adopted - will guide the future use of land in East Dunbartonshire.

The [Proposed Local Development Plan 2 \(LDP2\)](#) sets out a new long-term land-use strategy for East Dunbartonshire - including policies and sites for development - which will be used to determine planning applications.

The Proposed LDP2 reflects the Council's desire to:

- Create high-quality places for residents to live
- Promote sustainable economic growth and the development of local town centres
- Maximise tourism and business potential
- Protect and enhance the quality of our local historic, natural and water environment.

Comments and representations on the plan can be made between Monday 19 October 2020 and Friday 15 January 2021.

You can access a copy of the Proposed LDP2, as well as other consultation documents and details of how to get involved by visiting www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/LDP2

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, the Council is unable to host events and workshops in local communities, as would normally be the case. Instead, a series of online information sessions will be held in October and November.



Online Information Sessions

Members of the public will be asked to register for an online information session at least **two working days in advance of the meeting**, by emailing the Land Planning Policy team at development.plan@eastdunbarton.gov.uk, so joining instructions can be sent out. Each online information session will apply to the whole of East Dunbartonshire, however they will also have a focus on a different community area each time. These include:

Online Information Session	Date	Time
Bishopbriggs	Mon 26 October 2020	10.00 am- 10.45 am
	Tues 10 November 2020	5.00 pm - 5.45 pm
Bearsden	Tues 27 October 2020	5.00 pm - 5.45 pm
	Wed 11 November 2020	10.00 am- 10.45 am
Kirkintilloch, Lenzie & Waterside	Wed 28 October 2020	12.00 noon- 12.45 pm
	Tues 17 November 2020	7.00 pm - 7.45 pm
Lennoxton, Milton of Campsie, Clachan of Campsie & Haughhead	Tues 3 November 2020	7.00 pm - 7.45 pm
	Wed 18 November 2020	12.00 noon- 12.45 pm
Milngavie	Wed 4 November 2020	2.00 pm- 2.45pm
	Thurs 19 November 2020	7.00 pm - 7.45 pm
Torrance & Baldernock	Thurs 5 November 2020	10am- 10.45am
	Mon 23 November 2020	7.00 pm - 7.45 pm
Twechar	Mon 9 November 2020	10am- 10.45am
	Tues 24 November 2020	5.00 pm - 5.45 pm

Officers will also be in touch with community councils and other groups to ensure they have access to relevant information.

Responding to the Plan

Councillor Andrew Polson, Joint Council Leader, said, "East Dunbartonshire's LDP2 is a crucial document, which - when adopted - will guide the future use of land, set out proposals for development and provide the framework for dealing with planning applications. I hope as many people as possible take the opportunity to view the Proposed LDP2, making any representations they deem necessary.

"It has been a challenge to craft an effective consultation process at this time, given the ongoing issues presented by the pandemic, so well done to all involved."

Councillor Vaughan Moody, Joint Council Leader, added, "The publication of the Proposed LDP2 is a key stage towards the preparation and adoption of a new Local Development Plan for the area - a vital document for the environment, economy and aspirations of East Dunbartonshire - providing opportunities, as well as guidance and protection.

"I would urge as many local residents and businesses as possible to engage before the closing date. Officers are available to provide support and you can visit the website - www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/LDP2"

The Council is encouraging the use of a representation form - [available via the website](#) - which has been specifically created for the consultation exercise. However, representations submitted in other formats, such as e-mail and letter, will also be accepted.

Representations should be concise and limited to a maximum of approximately 2,000 words, as this will allow the Council to work through the responses efficiently and help contribute towards a speedy process.

Telephone and Email Helpdesk

The Land Planning Policy Team will be available to provide advice and respond to enquiries by telephone and email, during working hours.

Email: development.plan@eastdunbarton.gov.uk

Telephone: 0300 123 4510 (please ask for the Land Planning Policy Team)

Alternative Copies of Documents

Physical copies of documents will be available in libraries/Community Hubs via the [EDLC 'Connect and Collect' service](#). This is subject to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions. See the website for details or call your local library:

Bearsden Library - 0141 777 3021: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am-1pm

Bishopbriggs Library - 0141 777 3155: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10am-1pm

Lennoxtown Library - 0141 777 3151: Fridays, 10am-1pm

Milngavie Library - 0141 956 2776: Wednesdays and Fridays, 10am-1pm

William Patrick Library - 0141 777 3141: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am-1pm

COVID-19 Implications on the Planning System

COVID 19 physical distancing requirements are likely to remain in place during the representation period. The [Scottish Government issued advice to planning authorities in May 2020](#). It stated that:

- Scottish Ministers wish to see plans make progress where possible during this time.
- The Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 makes provision for documents to be made available for inspection by electronic means rather than at an office or library.
- We [the Scottish Government] would expect authorities to also enhance their non-digital communication to enable opportunities to have specific questions responded to informally.



Given the changing nature of the COVID 19 pandemic and the Government's response to it, the preparation for the representation period is ongoing in line with the Development Plan Scheme. A range of non-digital methods have been included in the representation period arrangements, which reflect the suggestions provided by the Scottish Government.

Clydeplan Draft Forestry and Woodland Strategy Consultation

The Draft Forestry and Woodland Strategy (FWS) for the Glasgow City Region was approved by the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan Authority Joint Committee Meeting on 14 September 2020. The Joint Committee includes Elected Member representation from all eight Glasgow and Clyde Valley authorities.

The Draft FWS for the Glasgow City Region has been prepared in a partnership that includes the eight local authorities within the Glasgow City Region area, Scottish Forestry and Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Green Network.

A six-week consultation on the new Draft Forestry and Woodland Strategy (FWS) for the Glasgow City Region began on Wednesday 30th September.

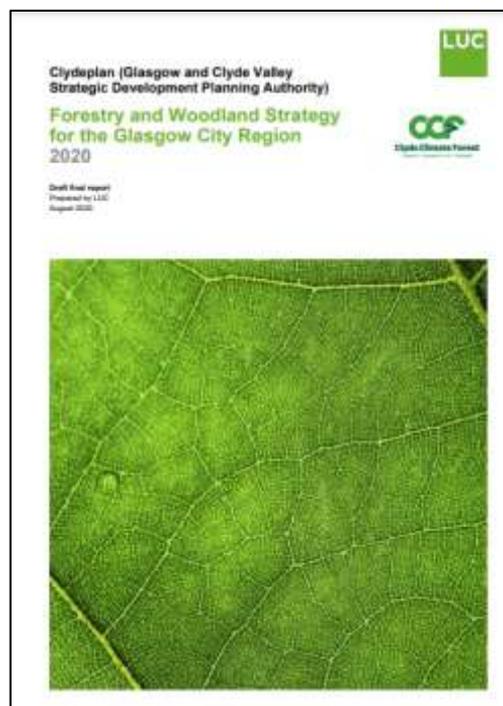
The Draft FWS will set a policy context to support forestry and woodland planting and management across the Glasgow City Region. It will provide broad strategic locational guidance and environmental advice to those seeking to expand or manage woodlands. The preparation of a FWS for the City Region was one of the Scottish Ministers modifications to the current Clydeplan Strategic Development Plan. The Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 also places a requirement on local authorities to prepare a FWS. This Draft FWS will provide the strategic context for local FWS.

This regional strategy, once adopted, will therefore provide the strategic context for East Dunbartonshire. Although planting trees does not require planning permission, the Council is consulted on planting proposals and this strategy along with a future local strategy will assist in providing more guidance on where and where is not appropriate for tree planting.

The Draft FWS reflects recent changes in legislation relating to planning and forestry. The new legislation, the climate change agenda and recognition of the need for a Green Recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic have provided an opportunity for the Glasgow City Region to deliver the first FWS in Scotland framed within this new and evolving policy context.

The Draft FWS for the Glasgow City Region has been developed to establish an appropriate regional target for woodland expansion by making a sustainable and achievable contribution to the Scottish Government's national aspirations set in the Scottish Forestry Strategy 2019-2029. The Draft Forestry and Woodland Strategy for the Glasgow City Region and related documents are available from the [Clydeplan website](#).

The six week period during which representations may be made to the Draft FWS and associated Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report is from Wednesday the 30th of September until



Wednesday 11th November 2020. For further information about the Draft FWS please contact Clydeplan on **0141 229 7731** or email: info@clydeplan-sdpa.gov.uk

Electric Vehicles in East Dunbartonshire

We have published a booklet - Electric Vehicles in East Dunbartonshire - providing information and links for current and prospective owners.

The guide includes details of local public charging locations and potential new sites - aimed at attracting new users and increasing capacity across Scotland (more than 1,000 charge points and rising).

There have been almost 14,000 charging sessions via the East Dunbartonshire network since 2015, with each delivering an average of 10kWh of electricity to help users get on their way.

Potential new charging locations include town centres, rail stations, areas of employment and leisure centres - maximising availability and convenience (for example, allow people to charge while going to the gym/shops).

The Council is already delivering a Rapid Charging Hub at Mugdock Road Car Park in Milngavie, which will see an additional six charging spaces being created this financial year.

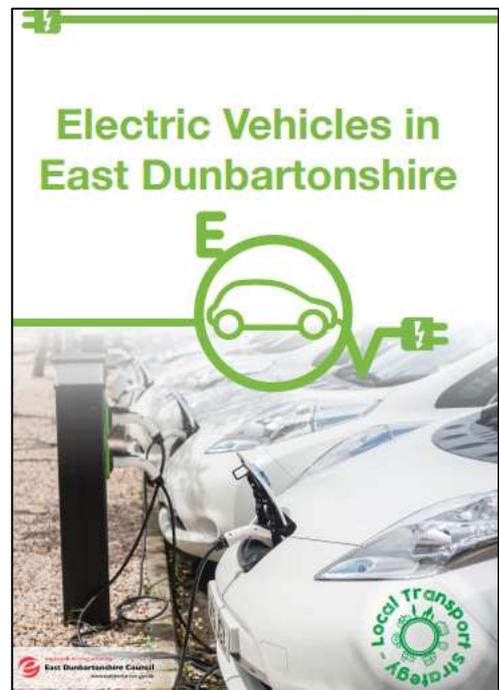
The new booklet fulfils an action within the [Local Transport Strategy 2020-2025](#) - approved by Council in March 2020 - which provides a route forward on transport planning objectives, as well as actions and interventions to enhance travel across East Dunbartonshire.

The booklet and further information on electric vehicles can be accessed on the Council's [dedicated electric vehicle webpage](#).

Guide for Home Businesses

East Dunbartonshire Economic Partnership (EDEP*) has produced a [Guide for Home Businesses](#), containing useful information and links to further guidance for local entrepreneurs and anyone thinking about starting a business from home. The production of this guide fulfils Action 21 of East Dunbartonshire's Economic Development Strategy.

In 2019, East Dunbartonshire had a higher self-employment rate (6.6%) than in wider Scotland (5.9%). Additionally, the social distancing measures introduced to tackle COVID-19 have increased the number of people working from home. The combination of these factors make it more likely that people in East Dunbartonshire may be considering operating a business from their homes.



The purpose of the Guide for Home Businesses is to make it easier for home business owners, or those looking to start a new home-based business, to access the information they may need.

The Guide also offers potential business owners details of regulations that they need to comply with, and can help them get in touch with the relevant Council services.

The Guide includes sections on:

- Planning and housing regulations
- Business Rates and Council Tax
- Licensing
- Environmental Health
- Community Safety
- Working online
- Business waste
- Working space
- Membership organisations.



There are a host of useful links in the Guide including Business Gateway East Dunbartonshire, Trading Standards, HMRC and the Health and Safety Executive.

Councillor Andrew Polson, Joint Leader of the Council, said, "This is an incredibly uncertain time for many people - particularly those in business or looking to start their own enterprise. I am pleased to say that support is available for all types of business - including home start-ups. Small and medium enterprises are at the heart of the East Dunbartonshire economy, helping to provide a wide range of goods, services, employment and local prosperity."

Councillor Vaughan Moody, Joint Leader of the Council, added, "The new Guide for Home Businesses has been produced by the Council through our work with East Dunbartonshire Economic Partnership. It's an invaluable source of support and advice to help new home-based enterprises navigate potentially choppy waters. If you are considering starting your own business you can download a copy now."

* EDEP's membership includes the Council, Business Gateway, Dunbartonshire Chamber of Commerce, Department for Work and Pensions, East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action, Federation of Small Businesses, Scottish Enterprise, Skills Development Scotland and Visit Scotland.

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