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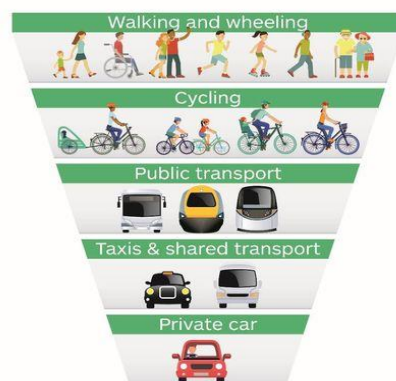
New Active Travel Strategy – Evidence and Approach Published

A webpage summarising the evidence and approach for the new Active Travel Strategy, alongside evidence reports, has now been published on the Council [website](#). This follows its approval at the meeting of the PNCA committee in late January.

The [homepage for the new Strategy](#) includes summaries of each of the evidence reports, which can be accessed in full at the bottom of the page. It also presents the following information relevant to the new Active Travel Strategy:

- The aims of the most up-to-date national and regional active travel policy (see [Evidence Report A](#) for more detail)
- The case for and benefits of active travel
- What East Dunbartonshire residents had to say about active travel in the area (see Reports E, F, G and H for more detail)
- How issues of [equalities](#) will be addressed in the Strategy's production
- An outline of [what the Strategy should achieve overall](#) based on a SWOT analysis of active travel in the area (see under the heading *What should the new Active Travel Strategy achieve overall?*)
- The [vision and priorities](#) for the upcoming Strategy (see under the heading *What should the new Active Travel Strategy achieve overall?*)

Prioritising Sustainable Transport



The Sustainable Transport Hierarchy



Image: A Bikeability Training Course in East Dunbartonshire

Four **project themes are introduced**, including a look at the impact these themes will have on East Dunbartonshire referring to case studies for each theme. The Project Themes are:

- A Walking and Wheeling Network
- Active Travel Neighbourhoods
- Connectivity Corridors
- Behaviour Change

A Draft Active Travel Strategy is currently in production, reflecting this evidence base and approach. Updates on progress and key stages will be provided in future newsletters.

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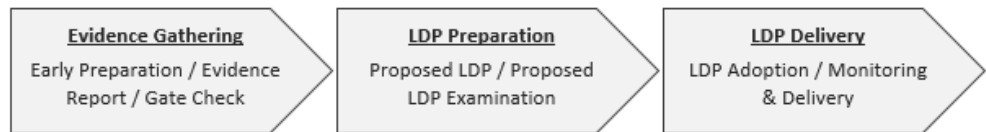
Planning Policy Update

Following [adoption of the Local Plan 2](#) in November 2022, the Land Planning Policy team has commenced early work on a new plan – Local Development Plan 3 (LDP3). LDP3 must support the objectives of [wider planning reforms](#) being introduced by the Scottish Government under the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019.

The Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 established a new legislative framework for the planning system. Under the Act, National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) will now form part of the statutory development plan, meaning that its policies have a stronger role in day-to-day planning decision making compared to NPF3. [NPF4 was adopted by the Scottish Government on 13 February 2023](#), replacing NPF3 and Scottish Planning Policy. The spatial and thematic policies in NPF4 will strongly influence the spatial strategy and local planning policies that will form part of LDP3.

We are currently preparing a Development Plan Scheme (DPS), which will set out how the LDP3 will be prepared, including a timetable and participation statement outlining how people can get involved in the process. The DPS will be published later in 2023. Alongside this, our early work will be focused on gathering evidence and data that will help to inform the preparation of LDP3. This evidence and data will be collected in collaboration with a range of stakeholders including key agencies, community organisations and the public at large including young people.

The diagram below sets out the key stages that will form part of the LDP3 plan preparation process:



We look forward to working with the above groups and all other interest parties as we take LDP3 forward. As ever, we will keep you updated on the progress and key milestones through this newsletter.