

Blairgowrie & Rattray Local Place Plan Introduction

An opportunity for our local community to seek views, identify issues and provide a framework for the development and use of land in the place we live.

The Local Place Plan will be taken into account when the Council is preparing the Council's Planning Service's next Local Development Plan (LDP3)



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Background



*Scottish Government_National Planning Framework 4

The implementation of NPF4 is founded on the Place Principle:

'[The Place Principle] promotes a shared understanding of place, and the need to take a more collaborative approach to a place's services and assets to achieve better outcomes for people and communities. The Principle encourages and enables local flexibility to respond to issues and circumstances in different places.'

Local Place Plans (LPP) are part of the Government's wider work on planning reform and implementation of the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 giving communities rights to produce their own plan as part of the Scottish planning system.

They were Introduced to empower local communities to provide the community's proposals for the development of land and opportunities for community to feed into the planning system with ideas and proposals to play a proactive role in defining the future of their places.

They offer the opportunity for a community-led, collaborative approach to creating great local places, address climate change, support inclusive and sustainable economic growth and create more successful places that affect the quality of life in the community.

Once completed and registered by the planning authority, they are to be taken into account in the preparation of the relevant local development plan (LP3).

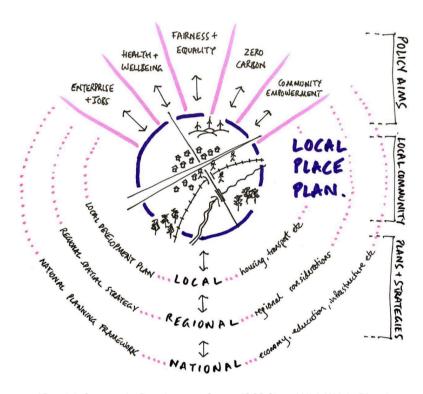
The LPP to be completed and registered before 31st January 2025.

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What is a Local Place Plan?



*Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC) and Nick Wright Planning

Local Place Plans (LPP) contain the community's proposals for the development and use of land, and provide a new opportunity for communities to feed into the planning system with ideas and proposals.

Local Place Plans are tools to support community empowerment, to shape future land use planning policy, to influence public service delivery, and to tackle strategic agendas such as the climate emergency, health and wellbeing, inequalities and economic opportunity.

They express a clear vision for the future, including a spatial map, and key actions to deliver that future vision

Local Place Plans are more than just a plan:

- They help communities understand what they want to be like in the future and help to develop a positive community identity.
- They help develop local connections and collaborations and develop community capacity and improve social capital.
- They support community aspirations on the big challenges for a future Scotland, such as responding to the global climate emergency and tackling inequalities.



Why have a Local Place Plan?

How LPPs can help our community

- Prioritise and support community projects
- Bring the community together
- Build relationships between community and government
- Improve land use planning and public services
- Engage young people to stay and connect with the community

The headline reason for doing a Local Place Plan is to influence planning policy. But, as the government says, Local Place Plans are more than just a plan. Communities find that there are other potential benefits from making a community-led plan, including:

- Helping make the case for funding for community priorities because inclusion of a project or priority in the plan demonstrates to funders that it has community support.
- Motivating and energising the local community this applies particularly to volunteers or people involved in specific groups. Sometimes it can bring new volunteers too.
- The Local Place Plan should have a positive effect for community initiatives.

Our Community Action Plan that is supported by the community is a good starting point for developing the Local Place Plan.

The Local Authority has started to take note of our community ambitions and will most likely take our Local Place Plan seriously.



How to do a Local Place Plan?

Must dos

- Engage with the wider community
- Contain an overarching vision/ set of objectives as a framework
- Demonstrate how objectives fit with government policies
- Reflect good practice of local community (residents & business)
- Cover a range of initiatives (not just related to planning policy)
- Build on the local community's ability to take action themselves

The Government Guide is set out in four main sections which take people stage by stage through a Local Place Planning process:

Section 1 - Getting Ready This section is intended to help people think about their Local Place Plan, why it is needed and what it is for. It will also help people to think through what needs to be in place in terms of support and resources before they begin to develop their plan.

Section 2 - Developing your Plan This section takes people through the process of developing their plan from undertaking local research to engaging their community, to getting the plan down on paper. It provides useful examples and possible scenarios which will help groups to develop a robust and inclusive local planning process.

Section 3 - Presenting your Plan This section helps people to think about how they structure, lay out and design their plan and the different audiences they may need to communicate with during the plan process. It helps people to think about accessibility, readability and the different formats that they should consider.

Section 4 - Delivering your Plan This section focuses on how people can best ensure that their plan is delivered and has real impact. It helps people to understand the importance of collaborative working, governance and ownership of the process, achieving quick wins, monitoring and reviewing progress.

The Guide designed to be a standalone website, with all key content able to be produced as a pdf document. The online LPP should have a simple structure and design. Refer to further reading. https://www.transformingplanning.scot/media/2236/draft-how-to-guide-pdf-format.pdf

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Further reading

https://www.gov.scot/publications/circular-1-2022-local-place-plans/

https://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/23022/Local-Place-Plans#:~:text=Local%20Place%20Plans%20(LPP) %20are,development%20and%20use%20of%20land

https://www.transformingplanning.scot/media/2236/draft-how-to-guide-pdf-format.pdf

https://www.ourplace.scot/home/local-place-plans

