

Stirling Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement

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Development Plan Scheme

1. Introduction

This Development Plan Scheme details our programme and timetable for reviewing the Adopted Stirling Local Development Plan, October 2018, and preparing our third Local Development Plan (LDP3). It also includes a Participation Statement, stating how and when engagement and consultation on the next Local Development Plan will take place.

2. What is a Development Plan Scheme?

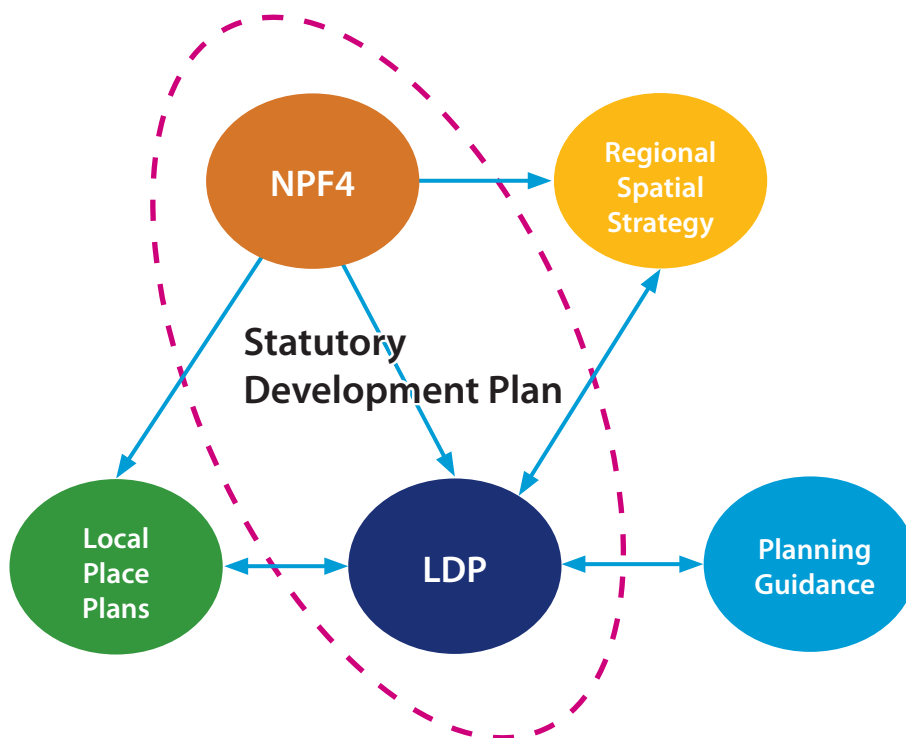
A Development Plan Scheme is a document setting out a planning authority's programme for preparing and reviewing their Local Development Plan. It is an important communication that keeps stakeholders informed about progress, and when and how they can be involved in its preparation, important for achieving effective participation and collaboration, and helping stakeholders manage their responsibilities and input. Planning Authorities are required to publish a Development Plan Scheme at least annually.

3. What is a Development Plan?

Development Plans are legal planning documents that guide the future use of land at a local, regional, and national level by setting out where development should happen and where it should not. They also provide the primary basis for determining planning applications. They do this by identifying proposals that will be acceptable in particular locations and setting out policy criteria for assessing such proposals in the determination of planning applications. Its purpose, and that of planning, is to manage the development and use of land in the long-term public interest.

Under the new local development planning system introduced by the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (figure 1 below), the statutory Development Plan for Stirling comprises the Stirling Local Development Plan (LDP), produced by Stirling Council, and the National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4), produced by the Scottish Government.

Figure 1: Diagram showing the new development planning system



The Stirling LDP is made up of several parts, including the Vision, Spatial Strategy, local policies, and land allocations for new development. The Vision aims to promote high-quality development in appropriate locations, support local businesses, and contribute to the health and well-being of local communities. The Spatial Strategy outlines five development approaches that align with the LDP's Vision, while the policies and land allocations are used to assess planning applications.

The Council has also produced a suite of Planning Guidance to support the interpretation and application of the LDP and NPF4 in the decision making. The guidance documents also reflect and adopt the principles behind other plans and strategies prepared by Stirling Council, such as the Local Transport Strategy and the Local Housing Strategy.

5. New Local Development Plan Arrangements

Under the new development planning system introduced by the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019, the process for preparing Local Development Plans has changed, as outlined below.

New local development planning process: the new system introduces three distinct parts to LDP preparation,

1. Evidence involving the gathering of data and information to inform the production of the new LDP,
2. Plan preparation to produce the new LDP for adoption, and
3. Delivery of the adopted LDP.

Further details for each stage, including key milestones and timescales, are set out in Table 1 (see page 11).

Removal of Supplementary Guidance: Statutory supplementary guidance will no longer form part of the Development Plan following the adoption of any new LDP under the new system. Instead, any planning guidance published in association with the development plan will be non-statutory guidance (i.e. not a part of the development plan).



Given this change, and having regard to the new policy provisions introduced in NPF4, it is our intention to publish revised planning guidance (not part of the development plan) to support both the implementation of the adopted LDP and NPF4 in decision-making, and the transition to the new system.

New Provisions on Regional Spatial Strategies: All planning authorities, either individually or acting together as a regional grouping, are required to prepare a Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS). Although not part of the statutory development plan, planning authorities must have regard to adopted RSSs when preparing local development plans.

Stirling Council has been working informally with Falkirk and Clackmannanshire Councils over the past three years with a view to developing a Forth Valley RSS. An indicative RSS has already been prepared to test the benefits that may arise from collaboration across the region. There is potential for alignment with emerging regional partnership approaches to both economic development and transport.

Further Work is required to:

1. Discuss and agree formal working arrangements between the authorities on how a Forth Valley RSS might be prepared, including governance and resourcing
2. Develop a project plan for the preparation of the Forth Valley RSS, including programming and public/stakeholder engagement.

The intention is that the Forth Valley RSS will provide a context for the LDPs of the respective partner Councils, and so its timetabling will need to tie in with the programmes of each of these LDPs. As project planning progresses, progress updates information will be included in successive versions of the Development Plan Scheme.

Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park have also prepared an indicative Regional Spatial Strategy and recognise the opportunity that wider regional scale working in the Forth Valley will provide in the delivery of a number of objectives.

An approach will be taken to ensure that there is alignment with the National Park Regional Spatial Strategy, and other neighbouring regions where appropriate, with the strategy developed for this area.

New Provisions on Local Place Plans: Community bodies now have powers to prepare Local Place Plans (LPPs), setting out their proposals for the development and use of land in their local area, and so providing a new opportunity for communities to feed into the LDP preparation process at the outset of the process. Although not part of the statutory development plan, planning authorities must have regard for registered LPPs in the preparation of local development plans.

While the Council cannot prepare LPPs, we are required by legislation to provide information on the assistance available for local communities in preparing an LPP for their area. As part of this, we have published our commitments to support communities in preparing their LPPs on our [Resource Hub](#).

6. Preparing Our Next Local Development Plan (LDP3)

The Council will prepare its next Local Development Plan (LDP3) under the new local development planning arrangements introduced by The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 and The Town and Country Planning (Development Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 and associated guidance.

The Scottish Government expects every planning authority in Scotland to have adopted a new local development plan within five years of the regulations coming into force, i.e. by May 2028. We intend to adopt LDP3 in December 2027, with the formal preparations commencing in July 2023, as set out in Table 1 following.



Table 1: Programme for the preparation of Local Development Plan 3 (LDP3)

Local Development Plan Preparation Key Stages	Local Development Plan Milestones	Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Milestones	Timetable - Quarter ¹	What is involved?
Early preparation and evidence gathering stage	1. Monitoring		Ongoing - annual	Annual monitoring reports to inform Plan preparation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Land Audit • Employment • Land Audit • Retail Monitoring Report • Vacant and Derelict Land Survey
	2. Draft Local Development Plan Scheme		Q1 2023	Consultation to inform the content of the Participation Statement in accordance with section 20B of the Planning Act

1. References to a 'quarter', i.e. 'Q' are to a quarter of the financial year (April-March). 'Q1' means a period of three month sending at the end of June; at the end of September ('Q2'); at the end of December ('Q3'); and at the end of March ('Q4').

Local Development Plan Preparation Key Stages	Local Development Plan Milestones	Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Milestones	Timetable - Quarter ¹	What is involved?
<p>Stage 1 - Evidence Report Preparation</p> <p>The Evidence Report will be the first document produced in preparing the new Local Development Plan under Section 16B of the Planning Act. Its primary purpose is to improve the quality and effectiveness of plan-making given the potentially significant implications of Local Development Plans for people, places, and, finances.</p> <p>A key aspect of Evidence Report preparation is stakeholder consultation and engagement. The aim is to front-load the work and use the evidence gathered to inform what to plan for before the Proposed Plan looks at the specific locations and circumstances to support the delivery of new development.</p>	3. Adopt and Publish the Local Development Plan Scheme	1. Programme for work on SEA set out in Development Plan Scheme	Q1 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication of the adopted Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement, alongside a written invitation to local communities to prepare Local Place Plans, to mark the beginning of the LDP3 preparation process. • Development Plan Scheme published at least annually or following any significant change to the programming for preparing the Local Development Plan.
	4. Local Development Plan Preparation Launch		Q1 2023	Communications and awareness raising.
	5. Consultation & Engagement	2. Consultation & Engagement	Q3 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication consultation. • Targeted engagement (internal and external): stakeholder engagement seeking views on the current Local Development Plan and the priorities for the next Plan including specific place-based information and evidence. • SEA scoping workshop(s) and collection of environmental baseline information.
	6. Preparation of Draft Evidence Report	3. Prepare Scoping Report	Q4 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review evidence and prepare a draft Evidence Report for public consultation². • Review environmental baseline information and prepare SEA Scoping Report.
	7. Consultation on Draft Evidence Report	4. Submit Scoping Report to consultation authorities	Q1 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on the scope and content of the draft Evidence Report to clarify areas of agreement/dispute on evidence for the 'Gate Check' Examination. • Consultation on the SEA Scoping Report in line with Regulations and Guidance.

². Priority will be given to any evidence required under statutory legislation and any significant or common issues/ideas raised through 'call for ideas/evidence' consultation and engagement.



Local Development Plan Preparation Key Stages	Local Development Plan Milestones	Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Milestones	Timetable - Quarter ¹	What is involved?
Stage 1 - Evidence Report Preparation (cont.)	8. Finalise Evidence Report		Q2 2024	Following the close of the consultation on the draft Evidence Report, evidence may be updated, or produced anew, having regard to responses received.
	9. Full Council Approval of Evidence Report		Q3 2024	The Evidence Report must be approved by Stirling Council before it is published and submitted to the Scottish Ministers for assessment.
	10. Publication		Q3 2024	Publication of approved Evidence Report and submission to the Scottish Ministers.
	11. Assessment of the Evidence Report, known as the 'Gate Check'		Q4 2024	Scottish Ministers will appoint a reporter to assess whether the Council has enough information to prepare LDP3. The reporter may decide there is sufficient information to allow the Council to begin the preparation of LDP3 or may consider there is not enough information and provide recommendations for improving the Evidence Report.

Local Development Plan Preparation Key Stages	Local Development Plan Milestones	Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Milestones	Timetable - Quarter ¹	What is involved?
<p>Stage 2 - Preparation of Proposed Local Development Plan</p> <p>Following any decision of the Scottish Ministers to allow the Council to prepare a new Local Development Plan, we will begin preparations on the Proposed Local Development Plan. The Proposed Plan will include proposed policies and development proposals to identify where new development should take place. In preparing the Proposed Plan, we will engage extensively with communities and stakeholders to enable them to contribute to its preparation</p>	12. Early engagement		Q2 2025	Call for ideas Consultation, including Call for Sites.
	13. Work to inform the drafting of the Proposed Local Development Plan	5. Work to inform the drafting Of the Environmental Report	Q3 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spatial strategy review and site assessment to inform Proposed Planž Identification and assessment of reasonable alternatives to inform Environmental Report.
	14. Work to inform the drafting of the Proposed Local Development Plan	6. Work to inform the drafting of the Environmental Report	Q4 2025	Prepare the Proposed Plan, including Spatial Strategy and draft Delivery Programme.
	15. Full Council approval of the Proposed Local Development Plan for consultation		Q1 2026	The Proposed Plan must be approved by a full meeting of Efdř Y Council before it can be published for consultationž
	16. Publication of the Proposed Local Development Plan for Consultation and Engagement	7. Consultation on Environmental Report alongside Proposed Local Development Plan	Q2 2026	Minimum twelve weeks consultation on the Proposed Plan, including the draft Delivery Programme and SEA Environmental Report, including engagement with key stakeholders and communities that may be affected by the proposalsž
	17. Modification of the Proposed Local Development Plan and preparation of Modification Report, where appropriate	8. Modification of the Environmental Report, and further consultation, if required	Q3 2026	Following the close of the consultation of the Proposed Plan and Environmental Report, modifications may be made to take into account any representations, consultation responses, minor drafting, or technical issues.
	18. Full Council approval of the Proposed Local Development Plan for adoption	9. Approval of Environmental Report alongside Proposed Local Development Plan	Q4 2026	The Proposed Local Development Plan and Delivery Programme are to be approved by Stirling Council.



Local Development Plan Preparation Key Stages	Local Development Plan Milestones	Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Milestones	Timetable - Quarter ¹	What is involved?
Stage 2 - Preparation of Proposed Local Development Plan (cont.)	19. Submission of the Approved Local Development Plan for examination	10. Submission of Environmental Report for Examination alongside Proposed Local Development Plan	Q4 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish the Approved Local Development Plan and associated impact assessments. • Submit the approved Proposed Local Development Plan and summary of Unresolved Issues (Schedule 3) to the Scottish Ministers for Examination.
	20. Examination of approved Proposed Plan		Q2 2027	If there are issues that have not been resolved through changes to the Proposed Local Development Plan (referred to as unresolved representations), the Scottish Ministers will likely appoint a reporter, who acts independently, to examine the issues. The conclusions and recommendations of the reporter on each issue will be published in an Examination Report.
Stage 3 - Adoption & Delivery Following receipt of the Examination Report from Scottish Ministers, and subject to the recommendations of the Report on the unresolved representations, the Council will proceed to adopt LDP3, with modifications if required. Once adopted, the Plan will direct decision making on all land-use planning matters and planning applications across its area for a period of up to 10 years.	21. Modification & Adoption of Local Development Plan 3	11. Amend Environmental Report as required following the Examination	Q3 2027	The Council (with limited exceptions) must carry out any recommended modifications made in the Examination Report. LDP3 was adopted and published by the Development Plan.
	22. Publish a finalised Delivery Programme	12. Publish Post Adoption Statement	Q4 2027+	Delivery Programme adopted and published within three months of the constitution of LDP3; following which it will be reviewed and updated at least every two years.
Post - Adoption Monitoring and Delivery	23. Monitoring Report	13. Monitoring	Q3 2031	Monitoring Report published within 3 years of LDP3 adoption following ongoing monitoring of the impact and effectiveness of proposals and policies within the Plan.

Participation Statement

1. Introduction

Planning authorities are required to publish a Participation Statement setting out the level of stakeholder engagement that will take place in the preparation of Local Development Plans, that is, when, how, and with whom consultation will take place.

The Council is committed to encouraging participation from as wide a range of stakeholders as possible in all its local development plan-related activities; such as supplementary guidance, masterplans, development briefs, and other planning guidance published throughout the lifetime of the LDP.

This Participation Statement outlines how we will engage with our stakeholders in preparing the next Local Development Plan in line with National Standards for Community Engagement, including any guidance issued under the Planning Act regarding local development plans and the Council's Community Engagement Strategy.

2. What is Community Engagement

Community engagement enables people to influence and shape priorities and decisions that matter to them.

Effective community engagement will mean that Stirling Council, as a whole, can understand and act on the needs and priorities identified by our citizens and communities and work with them to bring about positive change.

3. Our approach to Community Engagement

Engaging with our communities and enabling them to participate in decision-making underpins the Vision of The Stirling Plan (Stirling's Local Outcome Improvement Plan) that sees Stirling as "Somewhere Everyone Can Thrive".

We are committed to engaging with and developing our communities to enable this collaborative approach, and we would like to work with communities across Stirling to understand their needs and priorities in line with the National Standards for Community Engagement.



4. Our Engagement Commitments

Our goal is to ensure that anyone who wants to participate in the Local Development Plan process can do so effortlessly. To achieve this, we will have regard to Effective Community Engagement guidance published by the Scottish Government, including wider guidance and policy on effective community engagement, such as Planning Advice Note 3/2010: Community Engagement. We will base our engagement strategy on The Stirling Plan's core values and fulfil these commitments:

Inclusion:

- At the outset of the Local Development Plan preparation process, we will engage with people, explaining the process, how to engage, and help raise awareness about the Local Development Plan and Local Place Plans within their local communities.
- Through our engagement, we will inform people about the subject matter, the process, the expected outcomes, and the impact of their involvement, so that they are empowered to influence the decisions and issues that affect them.
- We will use methods of engagement that are inclusive and fit for purpose, having particular regard for people with the most need and communities with higher levels of social deprivation.
- Take all necessary steps to ensure that appropriate engagement methods to fit the situation and circumstances of the target audience are used, including taking all necessary steps to ensure that engagement is inclusive, and assistance and advice made available as needed.
- We will ensure that children and young people experience their right to express a view and that views are taken into account in line with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Article 12).

Open Dialogue:

- Throughout the Local Development Plan preparation process, we will keep people informed of its progress.
- We will work together with people to understand their ideas, opinions, and needs with a respectful and inclusive attitude and expect the same in return.
- Host a series of in-person and online events as appropriate to each stage in the local development planning process, with opportunities for views to be presented and discussed, and for questions to be raised and answered
- We will monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the engagement process on an ongoing basis. Information and feedback received on the engagement process will be taken into account, and published within the annual Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement.

Integrity:

- We will be impartial and principled in engaging with people. Whilst we will seek to engage with as wide an audience as possible, an emphasis will be placed on assisting communities with higher levels of social deprivation, and seldom-heard groups.
- We will ensure our officers are supported to carry out community engagement effectively and consistently.

Transparency:

- We will conduct our engagement openly and honestly and share information.
- We will ensure that all consultation and engagement is inclusive, open and transparent, through the design and dissemination of relevant information to the representative groups/organisations identified, and our methods of engagement including use of technology and online platforms.

Accountability:

- We will clearly justify the decisions and actions we take.



5. Who can participate in the preparation of the new Plan?

The Council actively encourages anyone with an interest in the future of Stirling's places to get involved in the preparation of the next Local Development Plan both through consultation and engagement activities by the Council, and by getting involved in the preparation of any Local Place Plans that are being prepared for your place or a place of interest.

6. When, how and with whom will participation in the New Plan take place?

Table 2 below sets out the detailed activities for participation in the Evidence Report and the Proposed Local Development Plan stages of Plan preparation (Stages 1 and 2 as noted in Table 1 above).

Table 2: Summary of engagement stages and actions to be undertaken in preparing the Local Development Plan

Local Development Plan Preparation Stage	Key Consultation/ Engagement Activities	Engagement Type & Purpose	Timetable - Month	What is involved?
Stage 1 - Evidence Report June 2023-July 2024	Local Development Plan Preparation Launch	Inform stakeholders about the start of the plan preparation process, and provide advance notice of the public consultation to follow and about the information available to them to respond.	July 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish the updated Development Plan Scheme • Publicise through our social media and engagement platforms, and website • Issue a call to register for mailings and updates
	Invite Communities to prepare Local Place Plans	Inform community bodies that they are invited to prepare a local place plan, which is a route to involve communities in the preparation of the Local Development Plan.	July 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish invitations to prepare Local Place Plans on our Local Place Plans webpage, and send out individual invites to Community Councils and registered Community Bodies • Invitations issued alongside the publication of the updated Development Plan Scheme

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<p>Stage 1 - Evidence Report June 2023-July 2024 (cont.)</p>	<p>Public consultation 'Call for Evidence'</p>	<p>Consult the public on their experience and knowledge of the places where they live, work, and spend their time. Seek wider views of statutory and key stakeholders to inform the scope of the Evidence Report. Inform the public about the consultation once published to encourage participation.</p>	<p>July -Sept. 2023</p>	<p>Call for evidence consultation (Place Standard based survey)in the form of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online survey through Stirling's public participation platform Engage Stirling • Physical survey and promotional material made available in public/community buildings, e.g. libraries, community hubs
	<p>Internal (Stirling Council) engagement</p>	<p>Collaborate with key Services and Elected Members to gather views on the effectiveness of the current LDP and the priorities for the next LDP3, with a focus on identifying the planning issues affecting local communities.</p>	<p>June -July 2023</p>	<p>Engagement through workshops, meetings, and/or written requests</p>



Local Development Plan Preparation Stage	Key Consultation/ Engagement Activities	Engagement Type & Purpose	Timetable - Month	What is involved?
Stage 1 - Evidence Report June 2023-July 2024 (cont.)	External engagement	Collaborate with statutory and key stakeholders ³ to inform the scope of the Evidence Report and the SEA Scoping Report alongside one another.	July-Oct. 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement with community councils to gain a better understanding of their place and assisting to support the preparation of Local Place Plans including promoting opportunities to connect and align the respective engagement processes • Consultee-led engagement with children in early learning and childcare settings (aged 0-4) and primary school children (aged 4-11) to seek views on their experience of place through the use of appropriate methods that support conversations, and capture views, between key workers/teachers and children • Engagement with secondary school children (aged 12 to 17) and young people (18 to 25) through Youth Parliament Representatives, Social Justice and Sustainability Ambassador Groups, Young Scot Members for Stirling, and student representatives in higher education • Engagement with groups and organisations representing disabled people and older people, Gypsies and Travelling People, key agencies and infrastructure providers, and housing providers and their representative bodies through workshops/meetings and/or written requests for specific views or information

3. Statutory stakeholders in accordance with section 16B of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended, and such persons or bodies whom the Council considers have a role in meeting the legislative requirements of the Evidence Report

Local Development Plan Preparation Stage	Key Consultation/ Engagement Activities	Engagement Type & Purpose	Timetable - Month	What is involved?
Stage 1 - Evidence Report June 2023-July 2024 (cont.)	Follow-up engagement	Potential follow-up engagement to develop/ refine evidence or overcome any areas of dispute arising from public consultation and stakeholder engagement sessions, or where the view of a key stakeholder(s) on the sufficiency of evidence is unknown.	Oct.-Dec. 2023	Engagement through workshops, meetings, and/or written requests
	Public Consultation on Draft Evidence Report	Consult the public on the scope and content of the draft Evidence Report to clarify areas of agreement/dispute on evidence for the 'Gate Check' Assessment.	April-June 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Evidence Report and material published on Stirling's public participation platform Engage Stirling • SEA draft Scoping Report published for comment • Hard copies of consultation and promotional material to be made available in public/ community buildings, e.g. libraries and community hubs



Local Development Plan Preparation Stage	Key Consultation/ Engagement Activities	Engagement Type & Purpose	Timetable - Month	What is involved?
Stage 2 - Preparation of Proposed Local Development Plan	Call for Ideas and Sites	Consult and Collaborate with stakeholders for ideas and proposals to inform the next Local Development Plan in a way that builds on previous consultations.	Jan.-April 2025 ⁴	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call for Ideas and Sites consultation public participation platform, Engage Stirling • Internal and external engagement with statutory and key stakeholders
	Public Consultation on Proposed Local Development Plan	Consult on the Proposed Local Development Plan, proposed Delivery Programme, and SEA Environmental Report	May-Aug. 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 12 weeks consultation, including engagement with key stakeholders and communities most affected by the proposals contained within the Proposed Plan • Hold a series of community and stakeholder events/ meetings to publicise and present the Proposed Plan • Impact assessments that inform the Proposed Plan are to be published for comment in advance of the finalisation
All Stages	Post Consultation Monitoring and Evaluation	Regular monitoring and evaluation, informed by participant feedback, will be undertaken to improve future consultation and engagement activities	May-Aug. 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 12 weeks consultation, including engagement with key stakeholders and communities most affected by the proposals contained within the Proposed Plan • Hold a series of community and stakeholder events/ meetings to publicise and present the Proposed Plan • Impact assessments that inform the Proposed Plan are to be published for comment in advance of the finalisation

4. The close of this consultation will mark the date by which Local Place Plans, prepared by Community Bodies, must be submitted for validation and registration in order to be taken into account by the Planning Authority in preparing the Proposed Local Development Plan. Therefore, the date by which Local Place Plans are to be submitted is Friday 25th April 2025. Further information can be found on the Council's webpage Local Place Plans.

7. Previous engagement activities undertaken

Previous consultation and engagement activities undertaken by the planning authority about the preparation of the next Local Development Plan are summarised in the table below.

Table 3: Summary of key consultation activities previously undertaken

Summary of engagement activities undertaken during the reporting period: September 2021 - May 2023
<p>Internal Engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have worked closely with our Community Development and Education teams, and continue to do so, in developing the engagement strategy for the Evidence Report stage of the Local Development Plan process, with a specific focus on engaging effectively with seldom-heard groups, our priority communities, and children and young people • We have engaged Elected Members on our intentions for Local Development Plan engagement and assisting communities with the preparation of Local Place Plans
<p>Community Engagement:⁵</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have carried out a pre-engagement survey with community councils and community representatives to help inform our approach to engagement with communities to achieve greater participation • We have held informal discussions with several communities on Local Place Plans and surveyed them to establish both the level of community interest in such plans and views on assistance needed to prepare one • A Local Place Plans event was held in February 2023 to inform communities about their role in the development planning process, the stages involved in their preparation and likely timescales, and our intentions for assisting communities in their preparation for which feedback was sought
<p>Developers Forum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting of the Stirling Council Developers Forum, attended by private homebuilders and planning agents/consultants, was held in September 2022 to provide information on the intended arrangements for local development • Plan preparation, including how and when further engagement will take place
<p>Community Engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have carried out a pre-engagement survey with community councils and community representatives to help inform our approach to engagement with communities to achieve greater participation
<p>Cross-authority collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We continue to collaborate and engage with planning colleagues from the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park Authority, and Falkirk and Clackmannanshire Councils on local development planning matters and Local Place Plans assistance
<p>Community Engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A public consultation was carried out from 6 April to 18 May 2023 on the proposals for consultation and engagement contained within the draft Participation Statement of the Local Development Plan Scheme. The Participation Statement contained within this document has been revised to take into account the responses received, which are set out in the Consultation Analysis Report published alongside this document

5. There are 8 priority communities in the Stirling Council area. These are Bannockburn and Hillpark; Cornton; Cowie; Fallin; Mercat Cross and Stirling City Centre; Plean; Raploch and St. Ninians.



8. Contact us with your views and register for participation

Under the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019, we are required to seek the views of the public on the content of the participation statement. It is also good practice to discuss with key agencies and communities how best to engage with them in preparing local development plans. We would therefore like your views on our approach to engagement and how you would like to participate in the plan-making process.

A Local Development Plan participant database has also been established to record the details of all individuals and organisations wishing to be kept up-to-date with the Local Development Plan process. You can have your details added to the database by contacting us through any of the methods below:

E-mail: LDP@stirling.gov.uk

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Please also sign up to Stirling Council's Engagement Platform, [Engage Stirling](#) , to receive notification of live consultations on the LDP.

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