

## Appendix 1- Scottish Government Consultation on Proposals for Local Place Plans

1. Do you agree with the proposal that community bodies should have regard to any Locality Plan that is in place for the area under consideration when preparing their Local Place Plan?

*Response: Yes, it is important that LPP reflect priorities identified in any Locality Plan covering the area.*

2. Do you consider that community bodies should have regard to other additional matters beyond the Locality Plan when preparing their Local Place Plan?

*Response: Yes, community bodies should have regard to as many relevant activities and aspirations within the community including any LOIP approved or under preparation covering the area.*

3. Do you agree with the proposal that a LPP should contain a statement setting out the community's proposals plus a map of the area setting out the LPP boundary?

*Response: Yes. However, the statement should also set out the consultation and engagement steps and issues highlighted by the community during the process of preparing the LPP. The statement would also usefully set out how local elected members have been engaged and how the LPP "fits" with Locality Plan, LOIP, other matters as discussed in 2 above and how it "interacts" with the LDP.*

4. Do you think a requirement for the community body to engage and seek the views of people to assist in the preparation of an LPP should be set out in law?

*Response: Yes. As LPP have been introduced as part of the changes to the development planning process through the new Act, it is essential that a minimum legal requirement is set out on the steps and timescales to be met to ensure community aspirations feed into the LDP process. Without this being set out in law, the aspiration for early community involvement in development planning may not be achieved.*

5. If a requirement to seek the views of people is put into law, what should any minimum requirement be?

*Response: It is suggested that the National Standards for Engagement are applied, including a 12 week consultation period and some form of community workshop/ meeting, finding the balance between community resources and meaningful engagement and perhaps this is where the local authority and other organisations can support communities. It is important to set out the early engagement steps to ensure wide representation and participation from the outset, rather than consulting at a more formal draft LPP stage. It is also crucial that communities are made aware of the opportunity to prepare LPP.*

6. Do you agree with the proposal that there should be a minimum statutory requirement on the community body to consult the community once a draft LPP has been prepared and before submitting an LPP?

*Response: Yes, however, see response to question 5. It is vital that early, wide engagement is undertaken to inform a draft LPP and this step should be set out as a minimum requirement.*

7. If a requirement to consult across the community on the content of a draft LPP is to be put into law, what should any minimum requirement be?

*Response: Minimum requirement could perhaps follow a similar process as the LDP, with an early Evidence Report being collated through widespread early engagement within the community. The Evidence Report could be subject to consultation and then the draft LPP could be subject to consultation with the community then notified when the LPP is submitted to the planning authority.*

8. Do you agree with the proposal that the community body should seek the views of ward councillors when preparing the LPP?

*Response: Yes, local councillors have significant knowledge of local groups and issues within the community and can help to ensure as many people and local groups are involved and aware of the LPP as possible.*

*The views and role of the local members in preparing the LPP can be included in the supporting statement submitted to the planning authority.*

9. Do you agree that, alongside the LPP itself, the community body should submit a statement on how it has complied with the legal requirements.

*Response: Yes, this will help the validation process.*

10. Do you agree the requirements planning authorities have to keep the register of local place plans should be aligned to the existing arrangements for registers.

*Response: Yes, having an online register of LPP makes sense, maintained and updated by the planning authority.*

11. Do you agree that the additional information provided by the community body alongside the LPP should be kept on the register of local place plans?

*Response: As part of an open and transparent process, it is considered that the additional information should normally be made available, unless there is a commercially confidential reason for not making information available.*

12. Please provide your views on the level and content of information to be placed on the register.

*Response: As noted above the Plan, additional information and map of the area covered by the LPP should be placed on the register.*

13. Do you agree with the proposal that a planning authority may remove an LPP from the register once it has been taken into account in the LDP, and must do so when requested by the community body that prepared it?

*Response: Yes, the examples proposed are supported, where a LPP has been taken into account in the LDP or where the Community Body requests its removal.*

14. Do you agree the requirements planning authorities have for making the map of local place plans available should be aligned to the existing arrangements for registers?

*Response: Yes, it allows community bodies and other parties to see which LPP's have been lodged for their area.*

15. Please provide us any views you have on the content of impact assessments

*Response: No comments.*

16. Do you have or can you direct us to any information that would assist in finalising these assessments.

*Response: No comments.*

17. Please provide us your views on the Fairer Scotland Duty and Strategic Environmental Assessment screening documents and our conclusion that full assessments are not required.

*Response: No comments.*

18. If you consider that full assessments are required, please suggest information sources that could help inform these assessments

*Response: No comments.*