Local Development Plan 2: Proposed Plan 2017 Statement of Conformity with Participation Statement August 2018



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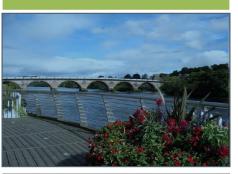
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1. Introduction

The Statement of Conformity is one of a suite of documents which accompanies the submission of the Proposed Plan to Scottish Ministers.

The Statement of Conformity has been prepared to meet the terms of Part 2 Section 18(4)(a)(i) and Section 19(4) of the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006 . This requires authorities to submit a report outlining the extent to which they have consulted with and involved the wider public in preparing the Proposed Local Development Plan (PLDP); and (ii) how this consultation conforms with the intentions outlined in the current participation statement.

The participation statement sets out the principles for community engagement, who would be consulted, and how they would be consulted, during each stage of the plan process. The relevant participation statement is the version current when the proposed plan was published on 1 December 2017. This participation statement was contained in the <u>Development Plan Scheme</u> dated November 2017 and approved by Perth & Kinross Council on 22 November 2017.



Development Plan Scheme



2. Actions at Key Stages of LDP2 Preparation

More detailed description of the consultation undertaken during each stage of the process are contained in Appendix 1. The Council is grateful to the public, local organisations, Councillors and Community Councils for their assistance and contributions to the promotion, discussion, awareness, and ultimately, content of the Proposed Plan.

2(a) Pre Main Issues Report Consultation

To inform the Main Issues Report, a 10 week period of consultation was held with a dedicated webpage set up for the LDP2, containing forms, guidance and links to relevant documents. A <u>Call for Issues and a Call for Sites</u> was publicised through local newspapers and social media, along with over 2000 letters and emails sent out. Perth & Kinross Council values the work of Community Councils and 3 surgeries were held with Community Councils to discuss land-use issues in

their area and promote the Calls for Sites and Issues. This resulted in 272 submissions covering both policy issues and sites for consideration with 67% of submissions raising new sites.

Local Development Plan Review - Call for Sites - On 3rd February 2014 the Perth and Kinross Local Development Plan was approved. This document sets out where new housing will go, shopping provision, new business development and industry, transport issues, areas for recreation and leisure as well as protection of the built and natural environment. The plan is required to be reviewed and updated every 5 years to ensure that it is up to date and makes provision for an adequate supply of land for various land uses as well as reviewing protective measures for the area. In order to ensure that Perth & Kinross Council has an up to date plan in 2018 preparation of the next Local Development Plan has begun.

We are now at a stage where we will be preparing a document called the Main Issues Report. This document will concentrate on key changes that have occurred since the previous plan and ideas for future development and will be published in Autumn 2015.

In order to gather information for the Main Issues Report we are looking for people, communities and businesses in Perth and Kinross to help identify and submit issues within your area and possible sites for development. The Council has prepared submission forms which should be used to identify issues and sites for consideration. The forms and guidance note will be available on the Council website http://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/10339/Main-Issues-Report, can be collected from Council Libraries or by contacting the Development Plan Team

collected from Council Libraries or by contacting the Development Plan Team at developmentplan@pkc.gov.uk. All submissions should be received by 5pm on 31st March 2015 in order to allow adequate time to fully consider all land uses issues and sites as well as consult with key agencies. Submissions should be either e-mailed to the Development Plan Team at developmentplan@pkc.gov.uk or sent to: Local Development Plan Team, Perth & Kinross Council, Pullar House, 35 Kinnoull Street, Perth, PH1 5GD







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2(b) Main Issues Report Consultation

The first formal consultation of the LDP2 process, the <u>Main Issues Report</u> consultation was seen as an opportunity to fully engage with stakeholders and the public to ensure a robust plan. Taking into account Pre-MIR <u>feedback</u> and sites, issues were analysed and sites assessed before putting options to consultation. This stage is recognised as the best stage to influence the Local Development Plan and significant effort was made to publicise the consultation and engage widely. The Council did not carry out consultation through the Online Local Development Plan (OLDP) as originally proposed due to the model no longer being available from the suppliers, and also in response to a preference shown through customer review for a simpler form of feedback.



A 12 week consultation period was held from 23 December 2015 to 16 March 2016 resulting in over 350 responses. The consultation was widely publicised through local press and media with articles and advertisements placed throughout the Council area in press, on the radio and online. Posters were placed throughout the Council area. The LDP2 webpage was updated with forms, guidance and links to relevant documents.

Over 450 people attended drop-in sessions throughout the Council area during the first half of the consultation period giving members of the public an opportunity to discuss sites and issues face to face with officers. Community Councils supported the process through their own websites, newsletters and meetings and the Council in turn provided workshops for Community Councils to discuss their local issues with planners. A separate workshop was held with developers and stakeholders.

The Council placed particular emphasis on reaching a wider audience with wide use of social media, online surgeries, school workshops. This included work with Perth and Kinross Association of Voluntary Carers (PKAVS) to reach minority audiences, including releasing leaflets in Polish and Chinese. PKAVS are a local charity working with minority communities, volunteers and voluntary groups to improve wellbeing, connect communities and help people to realise their full potential.

In analysing the representations through the MIR a need arose for further additional consultations in <u>Kinross-shire</u> and <u>Dunning</u>. In Kinross-shire, the consultation sought community feedback on proposals in Crook of Devon, Powmill and Blairingone and the possible wider community benefits they might bring. In Dunning, local views were sought on the extension of an existing site. These events were well attended with the feedback directly influencing the Proposed Plan.





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2(c) Proposed Plan Consultation

The consultation period for LDP2 ran from 1 December 2017 to 2 February 2018 with an emphasis on online engagement and working with Community Councils, resulting in over 700 responses. The Council's database of public who had opted in to being informed of changes to the LDP resulted in 2565 letters and emails being sent out. The bulk of the consultation went out on 29 November 2017, followed by neighbour notification letters issued 6 weeks prior to the end of the representation period, resulting in some feedback through the consultation



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Find the Proposed Plan

All the Proposed Plan documents and information on how to make a representation are available at: www.pkc.gov.uk/proposedLDP2

Documents can also be viewed at your local library, Pullar House and your local Council area office.

Information Drop-In Events

To see the Proposed Plan, and associated documents including the Strategic Environmental Assessment, and to talk to Planning Officers, come along to an information drop-in event:

Sat 2 December 2017	Kinross: Loch Leven Community Campus	11.00 am - 3.00 pm
Thu 7 December 2017	Auchterarder: Aytoun Hall	3.00 pm - 8.00 pm
Sat 9 December 2017	Blairgowrie: Angus Hotel	11.00 am - 3.00 pm
Tue 12 December 2017	Pitlochry: Town Hall	2.00 pm - 7.30 pm
Thu 14 December 2017	Perth: Civic Hall, 2 High Street	3.00 pm - 8.00 pm
Sat 6 January 2018	Perth: Perth Concert Hall	11.00 am - 3.00 pm
Wed 10 January 2018	Kinross: Loch Leven Community Campus	3.00 pm - 8.00 pm
Sat 13 January 2018	Aberfeldy: The Birks Cinema	11.00 am - 3.00 pm
Wed 17 January 2018	Alyth: Alyth Community Wing	2.00 pm - 7.30 pm
Sat 20 January 2018	Crieff: Strathearn Community Campus	11.00 am - 3.00 pm

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process. Physical and electronic copies of posters advertising the consultation and events were distributed through the Council and its partners, with electronic displays in community campuses.

Press releases, advertisements and a radio interview were supplemented by ongoing facebook and twitter posts and notifications sent out through Planning and Development News. Community Councils were engaged through an initial introduction to the Proposed Plan and a workshop to assist with representations. Both workshops were run by independent planners from PAS (formerly Planning Aid Scotland). 10 public events attended by 463 individuals, and one staff event, were held. Feedback showed the information provided and staff assistance was well received.

The dedicated <u>webpage</u> was regularly updated and supplemented with an online <u>storymap</u> setting out the main proposals and allowing users to explore proposals in their area. This fed into an online comments form which was also available through the website. As with the OLDP, some users found this difficult to use although there was a good response through this forum, with 2996 views being received during the consultation period.

A pdf form, emails and letters were also available to provide a wide range of options for people to contribute. In addition, a video was available on Youtube to assist with using storymap and to provide a general introduction to the development planning process.







Stage 1: Pre-Main Issues Report

What We Said We Would Do	What We Did
Use adverts in local press to raise awareness of intention to review LDP	 Press release was issued to local press on 19 January 2015 with articles published in local newspapers. Articles in community newsletters The Atholl Quair, The Comrie and Crieff Quair and The Breadalbane Quair, and Perth and Kinross News to raise awareness of the Call for Sites and Issues Consultation Staff article published in the Council's Inside News Publication
LDP webpage provides relevant information, links and updates throughout process	• Dedicated LDP webpage set up for LDP2 going forward, outlining the purpose and process of the call for issues stage.
Correspond with Stakeholders and Key Agencies	 10 week Public Consultation carried out, closing 31 March 2015 Letters or emails were sent to Stakeholders, Key Agencies, Community Councils, Local Members and members of the public who had requested to be made aware of the progress of the LDP. 812 letters and 1657 emails sent. Surgery sessions held with for Community Councils to discuss Key Issues.
Posts made on Council Facebook page	 Facebook posts on the Council page and tweets from Planning and Development twitter account to raise awareness. 2 Pre-MIR online surgeries held via facebook and twitter in the afternoon—evening to reach a wider audience. 3 Community Council drop in surgeries held through February and March to encourage dialogue and allow community councils to meet with Council planners, and discuss land use issues. Approximately a third of all Perth & Kinross constituted Community Councils attended these sessions





Stage 2: Main Issues Report...

What We Said We Would Do	What We Did
Formally advertise in local press and on website and hold press briefing for specific areas. Undertake formal consultation with Key Agencies, Stakeholders and the public	 12 week consultation period running through to 16 March 2016 resulting in 350 responses Statutory notice in the Courier at the start of consultation. Letters to Stakeholders, Key Agencies, Community Councils, Local Members A workshop was held with key stakeholders and developers to discuss the key issues within the Main Issues Report. 18 people attended this event which was held on Wednesday 24th February 2016.
Letter or email alert to interested parties on consultation database	 Letters/emails to members of the public who had requested to be made aware of the progress of the LDP Update in the Planning and Development Newsletter Press release to local press and an articles published in local papers and community newsletters including The Atholl Quair, The Comrie and Crieff Quair and The Breadalbane Quair, Heartlander, NewsRoundNorth, CANdo, Kinross CC newsletter, Perthshire Advertiser, Blairgowrie Advertiser, Strathearn Herald, Alyth Voice, and reflected in other community websites and facebook pages. 2 advertisements on Heartland FM radio. Posters with details of the consultation and information events were displayed throughout Perth and Kinross
Website and Online Local Development Plan	 LDP webpages updated to provide relevant information, including links to the Main Issues Report and supporting documents. Due to feedback from the adopted LDP consultation, a preference was shown for feedback via forms and email messages. Supported by a cost analysis, it was decided to leave consultation to ensuring the information was available and direct contact by email or post.
Exhibition/drop in sessions and topic workshops to be held across P&K during the first half of the consultation period. Events to be held at different times of day and including Saturdays.	 10 Drop in sessions and 1 topic workshop across P&K during the consultation period. Events at different times of day and including Saturdays. All were well attended ranging from 23 to 123 attendees. An event was held to introduce the Main Issues Report on a staff training morning.





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What We Said We Would Do	What We Did
Staff available to answer queries during office hours	Staff available to answer telephone and respond to email queries during office hours.
Identify 'hard to reach' groups and look at methods of engagement	 Two online question and answer surgery sessions through twitter. 2 PAS led workshops with school students. Contact was made with the Perth and Kinross Voluntary Services Minority Communications Hub who emailed out to their communities and posted on Facebook, in relevant languages for their communities. The facebook is a statement of the statement of t
	 consultation was also highlighted at some of their community events. Information posters were made available in Polish and Cantonese. School bag drop used to distribute leaflets via pupils in primary schools throughout Perth & Kinross.
	• Two additional consultation events were held prior to the Proposed Plan to consider proposals that the MIR process had highlighted which warranted further exploration. The events were held in Dunning and Crook of Devon. The latter discussed proposals in Crook of Devon, Powmill and Blairingone. There was an excellent attendance and response to the consultation, which helped shape the Proposed Plan.





Stage 3: Proposed Plan...

What We Said We Would Do	What We Did
9 week period of consultation	 Formal consultation period ran from 1 December 2017 to 2 February 2018 resulting in 742 responses. Responses to the consultation was available through traditional methods, an online form—also available through the storymap discussed below, a fillable pdf form and printed forms available at events.
Formally Advertise in local press and on the internet	Statutory advertisement in the Courier at the start of consultation
	Informal advertisements in Breadalblane Quair, Crieff & Comrie Quair, Atholl Quair in New Year edition
	• Press releases to publicise the start of consultation, consultation events and to highlight upcoming closure of consultation period leading to over a dozen articles.
	Radio interview on Heartland FM
	• Posters advertising consultation and events sent to council offices, live active centres and posted in shops, post offices and noticeboards throughout the Council area including event venues.
	• Electronic copies of poster with a request to distribute to networks, sent to community councils, sports partnerships, Perth College, PKAVS, Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust, Local Action Partnerships, and community capacity workers. Electronic poster displayed on community campus screens.
	• Article sent out through the Planning & Development News, and direct link to the Proposed Plan webpage from the front page of the Council website.
	Ongoing facebook posts and twitter feeds to publicise the consultation and events
Formal consultation with Key Agencies, community councils	• Key Agencies engaged though the Proposed Plan and Environmental Report consultation process.
	• Community Councils sent formal notification of the plan, and flyers to distribute within the community to raise awareness of the consultation and events. Community councils were also given an opportunity to comment on sites raised during the MIR process which had not been carried forward to the Proposed Plan.





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What We Said We Would Do	What We Did
Formal notification to owner, lessee or occupier on a site or on neighbouring land to a proposal.	• Neighbour notifications were sent out to all required landowners. Letters were sent 18 December 2017 which was after the consultation started but still giving the 6 week minimum consultation period.
Provision of copies of the Proposed Plan provided to community councils, key agencies, libraries and Council offices.	 Hard copies of Proposed Plan sent to Community Councils, Councillors, and key agencies Mobile libraries provided with copy on USB due to available storage space Electronic copies on USB also provided to Community Councils Hard copy of all documents available at libraries and council offices in Pullar House
10 Drop in Sessions across Perth and Kinross covering weekends and weekdays, throughout the representation period.	 Drop in session for Council staff 10 drop in sessions throughout the Council area ensuring each region had both an afternoon/evening weekday session and a weekend daytime event.
Pre-consultation awareness briefings for community councils, action partnerships and community learning and development partners.	 PAS led session to introduce Community Councils, Local Action Partnership members and community learning and development partners to the Proposed Plan, including a surgery to focus on individual areas. Further PAS led training session to assist Community Councils in their representations including time with a PAS planner to focus on specific submissions.
An online storymap summary of the Proposed LDP with provision for submitting comments online.	 Online <u>storymap</u> of the proposed LDP to provide a summary of the main policies and an interactive map to explore settlements with significant changes. Direct link to the electronic comment form was available through the storymap. A short <u>video</u> introduction to the Proposed Plan and the consultation was also available on the website.



