



Perth and Kinross DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME

Programme for Local Development Plan 3: November 2023

OVERVIEW



Development Plan Scheme

The Development Plan Scheme is a statement setting out Perth & Kinross Council's timetable for the preparation of the next development plan. Under statutory guidance, all planning authorities are required to publish annually a Development Plan Scheme. The Development Plan Scheme will set out to include:

- *an explanation of what the Local Development Plan is;*
- *a timetable for the preparation of the next plan, Local Development Plan 3;*
- *community engagement in the planning process and how relevant stakeholders, including residents of Perth and Kinross, can get involved.*





Local Development Plan

The Scottish Government requires every planning authority to prepare development plans for their area. The Development Plan is at the heart of the planning system setting out policies and proposals to guide the development, management and use of land. The Plan sets out a vision and a framework for future development; addressing needs and opportunities in relation to housing, economy, infrastructure, community facilities, safeguarding environmental and landscape assets, the emerging needs of climate change and achieving well designed places for the residents, communities and businesses of Perth and Kinross. To support the preparation of the next Local Development Plan, there are a range of other plans and strategies that interlink with the LDP.





National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4)

National Planning Framework 4 was adopted in February 2023 and forms part of the Development Plan. It covers the period from its adoption to 2045 with 10 year reviews. It is a long-term strategy that plans for development and investment in infrastructure; and identifies national developments and other strategically important opportunities in Scotland. The NPF contains both spatial and thematic planning policies and sets out the national policy position for land use planning. It will be used to determine planning applications.

The New Plan: LDP3

Alongside National Planning Framework 4, the Local Development Plan (LDP3) will be the main document which will influence future built development in Perth & Kinross. As NPF4 contains planning policy, new LDPs will be place-based documents with emphasis on maps, site briefs and masterplans, with minimal policy wording. The policies and proposals within the LDP are to be focused on places and locations, while National Planning Framework 4 will provide overarching thematic policies for decision making.

LDP3 Process

The Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 has introduced a number of changes to the key steps for preparing a Local Development Plan. Preparation of a new-style LDP will include:

- Evidence gathering and early community and stakeholder engagement leading to an Evidence Report.
- Submission of the Evidence Report to Scottish Ministers for an independent Gate Check.
- Collaborative plan preparation, leading to publication of the Proposed Plan for consultation.
- Submission of the Proposed Plan to Scottish Ministers for an independent examination of outstanding issues.
- Adoption of the Local Development Plan

Supporting assessments

There are several assessments that must be undertaken to support the preparation of a new Local Development Plan. They are an integral part of the plan-making process and should inform, and be informed by, the plan as it is being prepared. These include:

- *Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)*
- *Public Sector Equality Duty Assessment*
- *Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment*
- *Habitats Regulations Appraisal*



The New Plan: LDP3

New Development Plan Regulations and Guidance were issued by the Scottish Government and came into force in May 2023. These support a change in approach to the preparation of LDPs and bring with them a significant number of new requirements for the development planning process. Publication of these was later than planned and has resulted in a change to the LDP3 timeline with the Evidence Report now programmed to be submitted for Gate Check in September 2024 rather than June 2024 as indicated in the previous Development Plan Scheme. The adoption date, whilst not exact, remains likely to be late 2027.

All planning authorities have five years from the regulations coming into force to replace their current Local Development Plan with a new style Local Development Plan. This means the Council must prepare and adopt LDP3 by no later than May 2028.

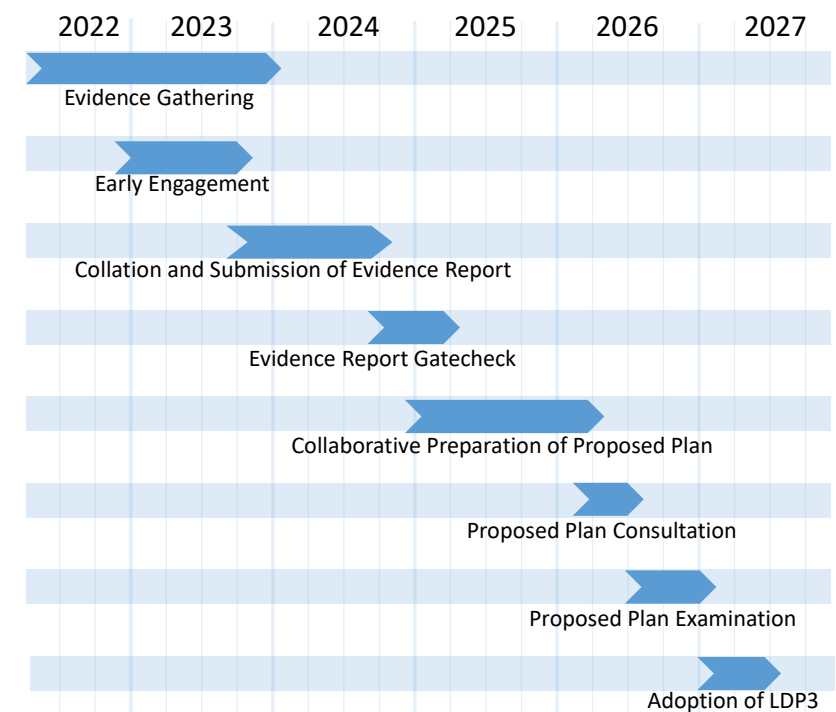
Development Plan Schemes must specify the numbered Quarter (Q) and the year in which the planning authority expects to publish certain elements of the Local Development Plan process. This applies to the following stages:

Publish Evidence Report	Q2 2024 (July - September 2024)
Publish Proposed Plan	Q4 2026 (January - March 2026)
Send Proposed Plan to Scottish Ministers	Q2 2026 (July - September 2026)
Adopt LDP3	Q3 2027 (October - December 2027)

Note: for the above table, a Quarter refers to a three-month period of each financial year which runs from April to March.

- Quarter 1 is April to the end of June;
- Quarter 2 is July to the end of September;
- Quarter 3 is October to the end of December; and
- Quarter 4 is January to end of March.

LDP3 Timeline



A detailed timeline outlining the Local Development Plan's key stages and the types of engagement to take place is provided in the Participation Statement.



Participation Statement

The Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 places an increased emphasis on up-front engagement. This means that consultation needs to be comprehensive, co-ordinated and collaborative. The engagement programme outlined supports the Community Plan and the Corporate Plan and, in doing so, assists communities wishing to prepare their own Local Place Plans.

LDP3 will be a key tool alongside other strategies such as the Local Housing Strategy and Mobility Strategy for delivering places where everyone can live life well.

The Participation Statement sets out when engagement is to take place, with whom and the likely form it will take. The experience of preparing previous LDPs has helped us learn how to improve the way we include the public and reach a wide range of people.





Consultation Commitment Statement

The LDP3 engagement and evidence building process will be:

Relevant	Discussions will be relevant to each group or stakeholder, including both settlement development and policies and the methods that are used to carry out those discussions.
Inclusive	To shape places that work for all we will proactively seek the views of all people, especially those with specific needs and those whose views are seldom heard; identify and overcome barriers to engagement and invest in the promotion of the benefits of engaging.
Informed	Discussions will be informed by evidence already available including data gathering and prior consultations to ensure contributions have a greater impact and are more efficient
Co-ordinated	A joined up approach with the rest of Council and Council strategies, will deliver greater efficiency, and help avoid consultation fatigue. Information fed back to other departments will also help deliver their priorities
Collaborative	Co-designing consultation and supporting community partners to carry out their own engagement work will ensure the greatest reach and response working
Transparent	Ongoing communication and feedback between the team and stakeholders, communities and partners will support better outcomes and promote acceptance of outcomes.
Accessible	Engagement events and materials for the general public must be accessible to all wherever possible, and tailored arrangements made where this is not possible.



Participation Statement

Who will be consulted?

When preparing the Local Development Plan, our approach to engagement and consultation will be based on a collaborative approach, including (but not exclusively) representatives of the following:

- **Community Development Trusts**
- **Communities of Interest**
- **Landowners and Developers**
- **Businesses and business groups**
- **Locality Partnerships**
- **Tertiary students**
- **Older people**
- **Communities wishing to prepare Local Place Plans**

Key agencies:

- **NatureScot**
- **SEPA**
- **Scottish Water**
- **Scottish Enterprise**
- **TACTRAN**
- **NHS Tayside**
- **Historic Environment Scotland**
- **Scottish Forestry**
- **Transport Scotland**

Community Planning Partners:

- **Jobcentre Plus**
- **NHS Tayside**
- **Perth & Kinross Association of Voluntary Services (PKAVS)**
- **Perth College**
- **Police Scotland**
- **Scottish Enterprise**
- **Scottish Fire & Rescue Service**
- **Skills Development Scotland**

Where not already specified, we will seek the views of representatives of the following particular groups of people:

- **children and young people**
- **disabled people**
- **Gypsies and Travellers**
- **Community Councils**



When will they be consulted?

The following section provides a detailed timeline for LDP3, outlining the key stages of preparation and when engagement is planned to take place. It may be revised in future Development Plan Schemes subject to the release of updated Scottish Government Guidance and the timescales of stages outwith the control of Perth & Kinross Council.

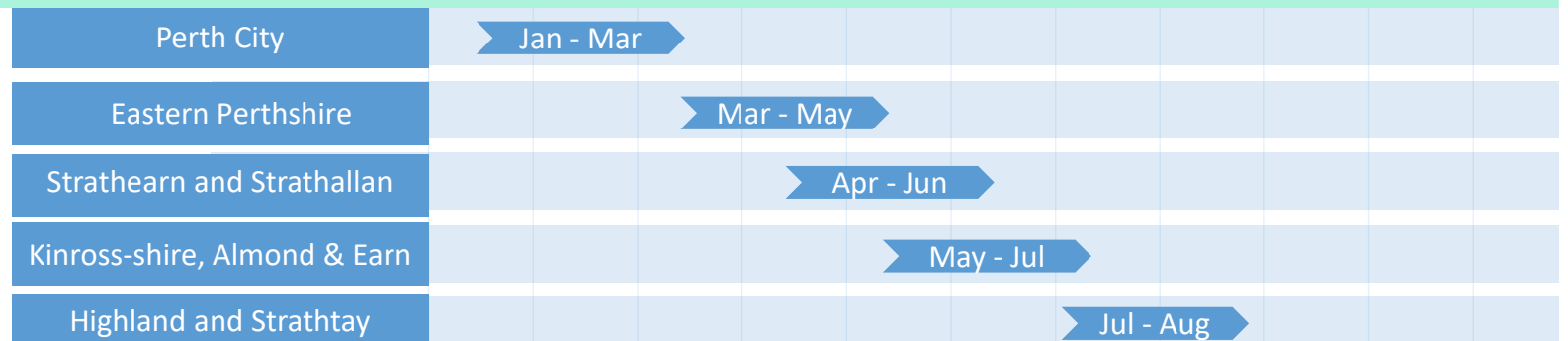
Prepare Evidence Report (commenced 2022 and ongoing through to early 2024)	
Identification of groups and stakeholders to be proactively engaged	Early 2022
Discussion with community partners and community councils on best consultation methods	Early 2022
Co-ordination with other PKC departments on delivery of engagement, including those that may not need targeting at this early stage due to recent or existing work	Mid 2022
Co-ordination with other PKC departments, community councils and community development trusts to secure way forward for Local Place Plans	Late 2022
Launch of online area wide place feedback platform on consultation hub	December 2022
Publicity and media support for upcoming engagement activities and throughout	January-August 2023
Exploration of issues of importance with communities of place and community councils through Place Standard and settlement audits including tailored discussions reflecting both policies and place such as affordable housing or natural space needs	January-August 2023
General opportunities for the public (including landowners and developers) for discussions on policy and place such as the online place standard or surveys on consultation hub	January-August 2023
Local Place Plan invitation	October 2023



Prepare Evidence Report (continued)

Assisting Community Councils and community partners to support the delivery of inclusive engagement to support LDP work and feeding into Local Place Plans	January 2023-June 2024
Targeted discussions online and in person around policy with specified communities of interest or with specific (land use) need	January-December 2023
Sharing and co-ordination of information with other services and strategies including Perth People Place and Mobility Strategy	Late 2023
Targeted discussions with communities of interest or need about the places they live to support the wider public consultation	January-December 2023

The Big Place Conversation 2023



Discussion with key agencies and PKC stakeholders on data gathered to date and future plans that may affect policies or place including capacity of education, health, water etc.	Late 2023-June 2024
Evidence Report checked for compatibility with any Local Place Plans; and evidence shared with communities to inform LPPs	Late 2023-June 2024



Collation and Submission of Evidence Report for Gate Check (late 2024)

Collation of information and analysis of data and consultation exercises to inform identification of sites at the next stage	October 2023-June 2024
Consultation on SEA Baseline Report	September 2024
Collation, publication and submission of the Evidence Report	September 2024



Collaborative Preparation of Proposed Plan (late 2024 to early 2026)

Following gatecheck of the Evidence Report, should any additional consultation be required by the Reporter this will be carried out and the final Evidence Report resubmitted	Late 2024
Policy options relevant to each group or stakeholder discussed to find a preferred way forward or options	Late 2024
Specific policy and place ideas, including those in Local Place Plans, explored with communities and discussed with developer and landowner groups and contacts	Late 2024
Place proposals analysed (draft SEA and HRA) and comments sought from specific groups previously engaged with, community councils and public at large on preferred options	Early 2025
Policy and site preferences discussed with key agencies and PKC stakeholders	Early 2025
All consultation and evidence analysed, outstanding issues resolved with stakeholders and incorporated into the Proposed Plan	Late 2025
Proposed Plan drafted and submitted to Council	Early 2026



Proposed Plan Consultation (early to mid 2026)

Proposed Plan is published alongside HRA and SEA and general consultation	Early 2026
Evidence Report updated to show how the evidence has shaped the Plan	Early 2026
Public events to publicise the Proposed Plan and invite comments	Early-Mid 2026
Evidence is shared with communities preparing Local Place Plans	Early 2026





Examination of Proposed Plan (late 2026)

Prepare examination papers	Late 2026
Proposed Plan with any modifications submitted to Scottish Ministers together with a summary of unresolved issues	Late 2026-early 2027

Modify Proposed Plan (mid 2027)

Make requisite modifications to Proposed Plan on receipt of examination report	Mid 2027
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Adopt Local Development Plan (mid-late 2027)

Publish adopted Local Development Plan	Mid 2027
Publish post-adoption statement	Late 2027
Adopt and publish the Delivery Programme	Late 2027



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