



**DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME AND  
PARTICIPATION STATEMENT**

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# Section 1: Development Plan Scheme

## 1 What is a Development Plan Scheme (DPS)?

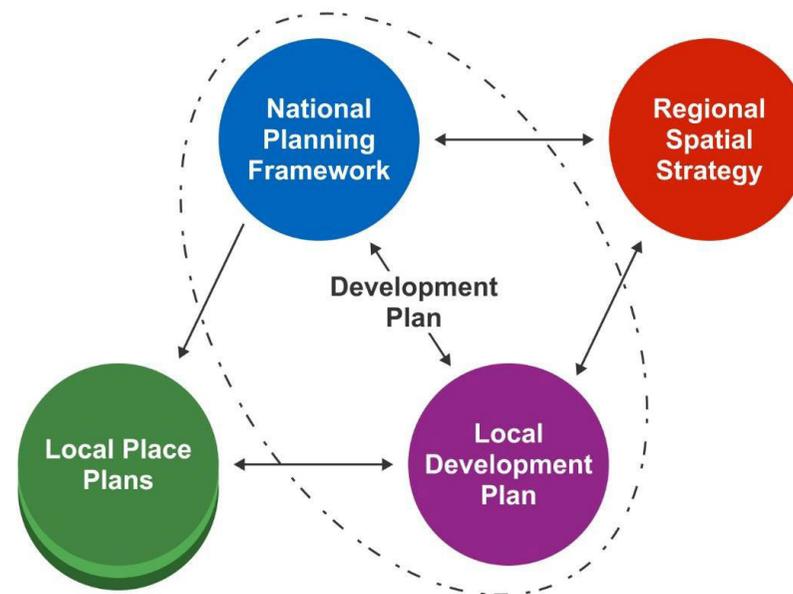
A Development Plan Scheme (DPS) is an important communication tool which sets out the programme for the preparation of our next Plan - North Lanarkshire Local Development Plan 2 (NLLDP2) – and lets stakeholders know when and how they can get involved in the plan and keep informed of progress. This is reviewed and updated annually and is available to view on the council's website. The second part of this document also sets out a Participation Statement, outlining how, when and with whom the council intends to engage and consult on NLLDP2.

## 2 The Statutory Development Plan for North Lanarkshire

The Development Plan sets out where development should and should not happen by guiding the future use of land at a local, regional and national level. These plans are a key consideration in the decision-making on planning applications.

Development planning in Scotland is undergoing significant change. Previously, the development plan consisted of the Strategic Development Plan (Clydeplan Strategic Development Plan) and the Local (Development) Plan (North Lanarkshire Local Plan 2012) as well as a suite of Supplementary Planning Guidance notes.

Changes introduced by the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 statutory Development Plan now consists of the National Planning Framework (NPF4) and the Local Development Plan (NLLDP) as demonstrated in figure 1.



**Figure 1** Statutory Development Plan/Related Plans (Local Development Planning Guidance, The Scottish Government)

### 3 Existing Local Development Plan

The council adopted the North Lanarkshire Local Development Plan (NLLDP) in July 2022, replacing the North Lanarkshire Local Plan 2012. It contains a spatial strategy, proposals map, action programme for identified developments and schedule of the local authority's land interests affected by Plan policies or proposals. It focuses on specific proposals for the period of 10 years from adoption.

NLLDP is integrated with Council and Partner statutory plans and strategies affecting the development of land.

The plan also identifies Supplementary Guidance (SG) to complement existing policy within NLLDP and provide further guidance on specific topic matters. Planning and Noise SG, Affordable Housing SG and Frontiers of the Roman Empire (Antonine Wall) World Heritage Site SG and Education Contributions SG have been adopted by the Council and are available online.

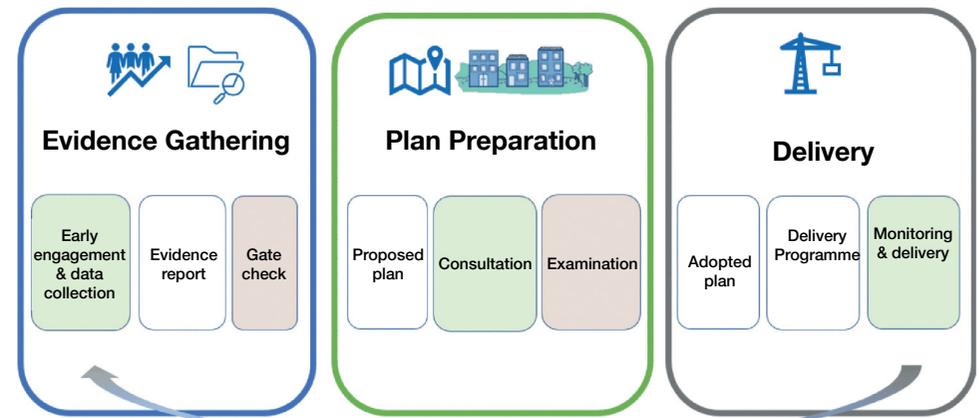
### 4 New Local Development Plan & Changes

The new development planning system has introduced a new process for the preparation of LDPs. The *Local Development Planning Guidance 2023* outlines 3 key parts to the Local Development Plan process (also shown in **figure 2** from the guidance) –

**Evidence Gathering** of data and information to inform the plan followed by a Gate Check by the Scottish Government,

**Plan preparation** including production of a Proposed Plan and its Examination, followed by;

**Delivery** including subsequent adoption of the plan and a Delivery Programme as well as ongoing monitoring.



**Figure 2** LDP Process – Overview (Fig.4 of *Local Development Planning Guidance*, Scottish Government)

In addition, preparation of Local Place Plans, Strategic Environmental Assessment and other Appraisals/Assessments are also important statutory elements of an LDP.

The requirement for the preparation of strategic development plans (SDPs) is removed and instead introduces the requirement for planning authorities, working alone, or in partnership with two or more planning authorities to form strategic partnerships, to prepare and adopt a Regional Spatial Strategy. A planning authority must adopt a Regional Spatial Strategy as soon as practicable after this part of the Act comes into force and the Government has the power to direct planning authorities to prepare and adopt such strategies.

Regional Spatial Strategies will inform the NPF and Local Development Plans. The NPF and Local Development Plans are to be prepared at least every 10 years rather than every 5 years.

A further significant change is the introduction of the right for communities to come together and prepare Local Place Plans (LPPs). Before preparing a Local Development Plan, a Planning Authority must invite local communities in their district to prepare LPPs, stating the date by which they must be prepared and details of the assistance available for local communities to prepare LPPs. In preparing its LDP the planning authority must have regard to LPPs.

Other changes introduced by the Act includes requirements for Development Plans for the carrying out of Play Sufficiency Assessments and preparation of Open Space Strategies to inform the LDP.

## 5 North Lanarkshire Local Development Plan 2

Following adoption of the current NLLDP in 2022, preparation is now underway for NLLDP2. The table below (Table 1: NLLDP2 Indicative Timetable) outlines the proposed key stages alongside estimated timeframes for completion of each stage and what is required at each stage. It should be noted that the Gate Check and Examination process and time to complete each of these are outwith the council's control. Annual DPS updates will reflect any impact of these stages as they are completed.

The stages outlined in Table 1 are those which are identified in the Scottish Government's *Local Development Planning Guidance*.

### Technical Reports & Impact Assessments

As part of the Evidence Report and its preparation, a wide range of topics will be covered. This will include preparing a number of technical reports to support the evidence base. This list of reports may include, but is not limited to:

- SEA Scoping Report
- Housing

- Infrastructure & Services Capacity
- Transport Appraisal
- Play Sufficiency Assessment

Additional assessments will also be undertaken to support the NLLDP2 preparation. These will help to inform and be informed by the plan whilst under preparation and includes:

- Strategic Environmental Assessment
- Equalities Impact Assessment
- Public Sector Equality Duty Assessment
- Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment
- Habitats Regulations Appraisal

Table 1 below includes details of estimated timings for the SEA and additional assessments.

In preparing the LDP the council will also have regard to the following plans and strategies:

- the national waste management plan
- the national marine plan
- any regional marine plan
- any river basin management plan
- any flood risk management plan
- any local flood risk management plan
- any regional transport strategy
- any local transport strategy
- any local housing strategy
- any open space strategy

**Table 1: NLLDP2 Indicative Timetable (stages as outlined in *Local Development Planning Guidance*)**

Stage 1 - Evidence Gathering	Timetable*	SEA	Other Assessments
<p><b>Early Preparation</b></p> <p>Development Plan Scheme &amp; Participation Statement preparation and adoption</p> <p>Invitation to local communities to prepare LPPs</p>	<p>Start Quarter 2 2023 (July-Sept 2023)</p>		
<p><b>Evidence Report</b></p> <p>Gather and collate appropriate evidence</p> <p>Seek views of key agencies, children and young people, and the public at large in the preparation of the Evidence Report.</p> <p>Prepare Evidence Report</p> <p>Approval of Evidence Report by full Council</p> <p>Submission to the Scottish Ministers</p>	<p>Quarter 1 2023 (April-June 2023) – Quarter 1 2026 (April 2026)</p>	<p>Scoping workshop. Collect Environmental Baseline.</p> <p>Prepare Scoping Report.</p> <p>Submit Scoping Report to Consultation Authorities.</p>	
<p><b>Gate Check</b></p> <p>Scottish Ministers appoint person to assess Evidence Report.</p> <p>Gate Check of Evidence Report</p> <p>Requests for further information and / or hearings (where appropriate)</p> <p>If evidence considered sufficient, appointed person informs planning authority and Scottish Ministers</p> <p>If evidence not sufficient, appointed person prepares "assessment report"</p>	<p>Quarter 1 2026 (April-June 2026)</p>		



Stage 2 - Plan Preparation	Timetable*	SEA	Other Assessments
<p><b>Informing the Proposed Plan</b>            Develop spatial strategy incorporating an infrastructure first approach and considering NPF4 spatial principles            Early engagement (call for ideas)            Site assessment</p>	<p>Start Quarter 1            2025 (April-June 2025)</p> <p>Start Quarter 4            2025 (Jan-March 2026)</p>	<p>Identification and assessment of reasonable alternatives</p> <p>Site assessment</p>	<p>Undertake transport appraisal</p>
<p><b>Proposed Plan (Drafting)</b>            Preparation of Proposed Plan, including Spatial Strategy            Delivery Programme:            - Consult with key agencies, the Scottish Ministers and anyone named in the Programme during preparation            - Approved by full Council before publication            Proposed Plan approved by full Council.</p>	<p>Start Quarter 1            2026 (April-June 2026)</p>	<p>Assess any local policies.</p> <p>Prepare Environmental Report.</p>	<p>Prepare required Assessments (as outlined above in section 5)</p>
<p><b>Publication/Consultation</b>            Publish Proposed Plan, Evidence Report and Delivery Programme together.            Consultation:            - 12 weeks statutory minimum            - consult with key agencies and Scottish Ministers            - consult with Central Scotland Green Network Partnership (where appropriate)</p>	<p>Quarter 1 2027            (April-June 2027)</p>	<p>Consultation on Environmental Report alongside Proposed Plan.</p>	<p>Publish transport appraisal and required Assessments.</p>
<p><b>Modification</b>            Modification of Proposed Plan (where appropriate) and preparation of Modification Report</p>	<p>TBC if required</p> <p>Quarter 2 2027            (July-Sept 2027)</p>	<p>Revise Environmental Report to reflect modifications and undertake further consultation, if required.</p>	<p>Revisit and update assessments as appropriate.</p>
<p><b>Examination</b>            Publish Proposed Plan and Modification Report (where appropriate)            Preparation of summary of Unresolved Issues (Schedule 3)            Where unresolved representations, appointment of person to examine plan            Examination of Proposed Plan            Preparation of Examination Report and Recommendations            Modification of LDP as necessary</p>	<p>Start Quarter 3 2027            (Oct-Dec 2027)</p>	<p>Amend Environmental Report as required following Examination. Submit amended Environmental Report to the Scottish Ministers.</p>	

Stage 3 - Delivery	Timetable*	SEA	Other Assessments
<p><b>Adoption/Publication</b></p> <p>Adoption of LDP by planning authority. Publish LDP</p> <p>Publish Report on Modifications or 'Recommended Modifications Statement' (where applicable)</p> <p>Adopt and publish Delivery Programme within 3 months of LDP being constituted</p>	<p>Quarter 1 2028 (April-June 2028) – Quarter 2 2028 (July-Sept 2028)</p>	<p>Prepare Post Adoption Statement.</p> <p>Publish Post Adoption Statement</p>	
<p><b>Monitoring &amp; Delivery</b></p> <p>LDP kept under review – monitor changes in characteristics, monitor impact of policies / proposals.</p> <p>Delivery Programme: - kept under review and updated at least every 2 years, or if the Scottish Ministers direct the authority to update it</p> <p>Housing Land Audit: - prepared annually by each planning authority</p>	<p>Quarter 2 2028 (July-Sept 2028) – ongoing</p>	<p>Monitoring</p>	

\* References to a “quarter” are to a quarter of the financial year (April- March) and means a period of three months ending at the end of June (“quarter 1”), at the end of September (“quarter 2”), at the end of December (“quarter 3”) or at the end of March (“quarter 4”) (The Town and Country Planning (Development Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2023)

## 6 Timetable changes

The Local (Development Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 and the Local Development Planning Guidance 2023 outline expectations for the preparation of the North Lanarkshire Local Development Plan 2 (NLLDP2).

We continue to monitor the outcomes of other authorities’ submissions. Following a review of these outcomes and identification of additional evidence and consultation needs, the submission date for the Council’s

Evidence Report has moved from Quarter 2 of 2025 (July-September 2025) to Quarter 1 of 2026 (April-June 2026). This extension will support a more robust evidence base and ensure meaningful stakeholder engagement. In addition, we are awaiting some key evidence from consultancy, and the additional time allocated will allow for this to be included.

As a result, the overall timeline for the preparation and adoption of NLLDP2 has also shifted by one quarter - from Quarter 4 of 2027 to Quarter 1 of 2028 (April-June 2028).



# Section 2: Participation Statement

## 1 What is a Participation Statement?

Stakeholders, including the wider public, have an important role in shaping their Plan and their views are an important aspect in the preparation of the plan. This section will outline **when** consultation is likely to take place, **who** we propose to engage with and **how** we propose to undertake it.

## 2 Our consultation aims

The North Lanarkshire Framework for Engagement reflects a commitment to working with communities across a range of engagement opportunities and approaches.

The updated National Standards for Community Engagement reflect the developing policy and legislative context for community empowerment in Scotland. This includes 7 Standards, outlined in figure 3 as **Inclusion; Support; Planning; Working Together; Methods; Communication; and Impact**. These standards can be used for community engagement to develop a working relationship between the council and community organisations to achieve positive outcomes.

Our overall approach to engagement will be shaped by these standards and we will strive to ensure that we work with all of our stakeholders to engage in the most suitable way.

This Participation Statement identifies the key stages where we will undertake consultation in the preparation of NLLDP2. At times there may also be other significant consultations underway by other organisations or other departments within the council. We will aim to take account of these where possible to reduce consultation fatigue where the targeted stakeholders would result in a similar audience to that of the NLLDP2 consultations.



**Figure 3** National Standards for Community Engagement - 7 Standards

### 3 Who can participate?

The council will aim to involve a wide range of stakeholders in the preparation of NLLDP2. Figure 4 identifies a range of stakeholders who we will aim to engage with and involve in the preparation of the plan. This is not exhaustive and we are keen to involve anyone who has an interest in the plan.

### 4 When and how will we participate with you?

In Table 2 below we have identified the key consultation stages, when we will expect them to happen and who we wish to target. We have also indicated possible engagement methods, however, we would like you to engage with us by telling us how you would prefer to be consulted by the council so that we can engage with you in the most effective way. They greyed-out text indicate those stages already undertaken.

As the council progresses through the first stage of NLLDP2 preparation the consultation methods for publicity and engagement will develop and evolve depending on the nature of topics which require to be explored and the preferred methods and resources available for doing so.

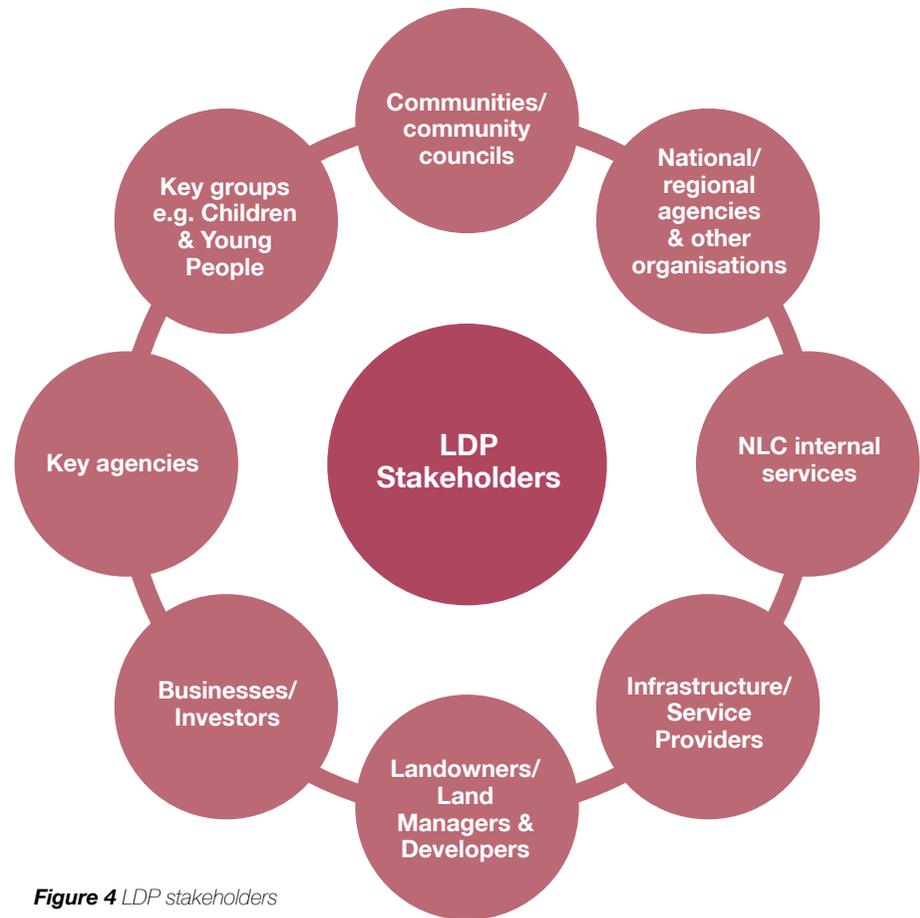
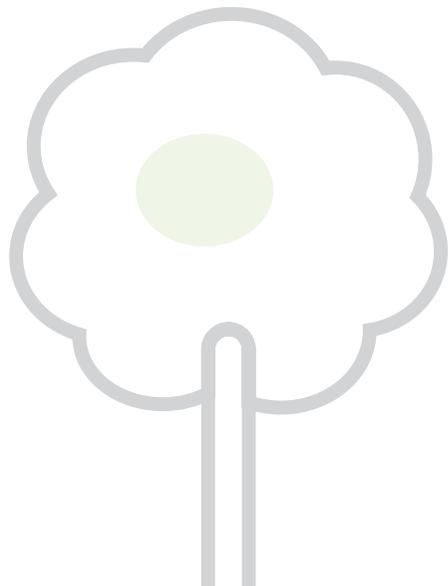


Figure 4 LDP stakeholders



**Table 2: Participation Table**

<b>LDP Stage 1 – Evidence Gathering</b>		
<b>Key Consultation Stage</b> (When) (For specific timescales see Table 1: NLLDP2 Indicative Timetable above)	<b>Consultation Type &amp; Purpose</b>	<b>Consultees &amp; proposed engagement methods</b> (How and with whom)
<b>Preparing Development Plan Scheme &amp; Participation Statement</b>	<p>Inform and involve all stakeholders by seeking and having regard to views on the Participation Statement.</p> <p>Inform stakeholders that preparation for NLLDP2 is underway.</p> <p>Consideration of online platforms/hub for holding information in an easily accessible location for engagement and participation throughout all stages of NLLDP2.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consult stakeholders via council social media platforms, council website and email contacts on how to involve them.</li> <li>Consultation with community boards.</li> <li>Issue request for those interested to register for updates via GovDelivery.</li> <li>Provide dedicated webpage for consultation responses and further LDP information.</li> <li>Finalise Development Plan Scheme &amp; Participation Statement and publish online and hard copies in libraries.</li> </ul>
<b>Inviting communities to prepare a Local Place Plan</b>	<p>Inform/involve community bodies by inviting to prepare a local place plan as a means of involvement in the preparation of the Local Development Plan.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Issue invitations to prepare Local Place Plans to community councils and Community Bodies.</li> <li>Provide information and contacts for communities on a dedicated Local Place Plans webpage and publicise.</li> </ul>
<b>Preparing the evidence report</b>	<p>Undertake early and proactive engagement with stakeholders as outlined in figure 4 (LDP Stakeholders) on page 9 to ensure collaborative and transparent evidence gathering in the preparation of the Evidence Report.</p> <p>Seek views of key agencies, key groups (such as children and young people, older people, Gypsies and Travellers, disabled persons/groups) and the public at large in the preparation of the Evidence Report.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consult and update stakeholders via council social media platforms, council website and email contacts.</li> <li>Internal council services and elected member engagement to gather views/issues and available data and information via workshops and meetings.</li> <li>Engage with key agencies, organisations, and other stakeholders to agree and gather key evidence. Possible meetings and/or workshops online or in-person. Grouping of particular topics may be helpful.</li> <li>Engage with community boards, community councils and community groups to include their views about local places and assist aligning LDP/ LPP engagement. Use of online platforms and meetings/workshops as required alongside possible use of toolkits (such as Place Standard) to assist conversations and record information about local areas when consulting.</li> <li>Target specific key groups (including children and young people, older people, Gypsies and Travellers, disabled persons/groups) to update on process and preparation of new LDP and capture views. Use of online platforms and meetings/workshops where required alongside possible use of toolkits (such as Place Standard) to assist conversations and record information about local areas when consulting.</li> <li>Joint working with South Lanarkshire Council to reduce consultation fatigue and share resources/best practice.</li> <li>Use social media and council's website to publicise and update on progress and provide key documents/information. Email to those registered for updates via GovDelivery.</li> </ul>
<b>Gate Check</b>	<p>Submit Evidence Report for gate check process. The appointed person leading the gate check may consult with certain stakeholders either in writing or through a hearing (this is only a consult where necessary stage).</p>	<p>No consultation by the council at this stage though submission of the Evidence Report and outcome of the gate check will be publicised online using the webpage, social media and an update emailed out to participants. Publish Evidence Report online.</p> <p>The council will also take the opportunity to review the consultation and engagement methods used with a view to improve and adapt these where necessary for the next stage of NLLDP2 preparation and consultation.</p>

<b>LDP Stage 2 – Plan Preparation</b>		
<b>Key Consultation Stage &amp; Quarter</b> (When)	<b>Consultation Type &amp; Purpose</b>	<b>Consultees &amp; proposed engagement methods</b> (How and with whom)
<b>Preparing the Proposed Local Development Plan</b>	Develop a spatial strategy building on the Evidence Report and undertake a Call for Ideas with all stakeholders to identify ideas and sites for consideration for the Proposed Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consult and update stakeholders via council social media platforms, council website and email contacts</li> <li>Issue a call for ideas to stakeholders, to include an online consultation for identifying ideas/sites and submitting relevant context.</li> <li>Engage with internal services, members and external stakeholders including those that are statutory and identified as key groups using workshops/meetings and online/digital resources.</li> <li>Promote/facilitate the participation of young people including schools, youth councils and youth parliament representatives, older people, Gypsies and Travellers, disabled persons/groups</li> </ul>
<b>Consulting on the Proposed Local Development Plan</b>	Publish the Proposed Plan (as well as Delivery Programme) and seek formal consultation responses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consult and update stakeholders via council social media platforms, council website and email contacts</li> <li>Consult for a minimum of 12 weeks on the Proposed Plan, proposed Delivery Programme and Environmental Report.</li> <li>Publish accompanying assessments</li> <li>including Equalities Impact Assessment, Public Sector Equality Duty Assessment, Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment, Strategic Environmental Assessment; and Habitats Regulations Appraisal.</li> <li>Inform and consult with stakeholders and communities on the proposed plan allowing them to respond to the content of the plan. Possible events/meetings to publicise and present the proposed plan.</li> <li>Undertake neighbour notification of sites proposed for development.</li> <li>Consult with Key Agencies and the Scottish Ministers.</li> <li>Consult directly with Central Scotland Green Network Partnership (aims currently being delivered by Green Action Trust).</li> <li>Publish in local newspaper and online. Copies available in a planning authority office and public libraries in NLC.</li> </ul>
<b>Modifying the Proposed Local Development Plan and Examination</b>	<p>Following the consultation period, modifications can be made to the Proposed Plan. This can take account of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>representations made;</li> <li>any matters arising from consultation with key agencies and the Scottish Ministers; and</li> <li>any minor drafting or technical matters.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Issue an update on plan progress to all stakeholders and publish any Modification Report.</li> <li>Advertise upcoming Examination in a local newspaper and public libraries and notify anyone who made representations during the formal consultation on the Proposed Plan.</li> <li>The form of the Examination is at the discretion of the appointed person, for example it may be in public, a hearing or written submissions.</li> </ul>

LDP Stage 3 – Delivery (of the Plan)		
Key Consultation Stage & Quarter (When)	Consultation Type & Purpose	Consultees & proposed engagement methods (How and with whom)
Adopting the Local Development Plan	Inform people that the Local Development Plan has been adopted.	Following adoption of NLLDP2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• send two copies to the Scottish Ministers;</li> <li>• publish it;</li> <li>• place a copy in any local public libraries;</li> <li>• notify anybody who commented on the Proposed Plan; and</li> <li>• place an advert in a local newspaper</li> <li>• Publish notification of Delivery Programme and make copies available (within 3 months of NLLDP2 adoption).</li> </ul>

\*Greyed out text is consultation/engagement that has already been undertaken.

## 5 How would you prefer to be contacted and involved?

Table 2 above includes various proposed methods of engagement and publicising. Figure 5 pulls together a list of these suggested methods that we may use to keep you up to date and to consult with you on the preparation of NLLDP2.

This is not exhaustive and whilst they are our suggested methods, we welcome feedback how best to engage with you during the preparation of NLLDP2.

We will aim to ensure that we will publicise key stages of NLLDP2 preparation as widely as possible, thereby informing the public at large of key consultation stages to be able to have views on and input to the Plan. Resources may also influence both input to the plan by stakeholders and the methods used to engage.

Whilst more modern methods of engaging and providing information are increasingly undertaken online, it is recognised that not everyone may wish to engage in that way or indeed readily have access to such facilities. We will endeavour to provide alternative methods of consulting and engaging where possible.



Figure 5: Contact methods

## 6 Mediation

The Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 introduced powers for mediation. Mediation can involve a range of techniques and is used to help build bridges between stakeholders and resolve issues of dispute. It is a voluntary process, generally between two parties, which can be facilitated by a third, independent party.

Any requests for mediation will be considered and where necessary have regard to such requests in preparing the Participation Statement. Any potential use of mediation will be considered by the council, having regard to the issue at hand and the possible benefits of the mediation and the involvement of other parties.

## 7 Contact and future participation

You can contact us at: [localdevelopmentplan@northlan.gov.uk](mailto:localdevelopmentplan@northlan.gov.uk)

If you would like to be kept up to date on the plan as well as other aspects of the NLC planning service, [https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKNLC/subscriber/new?topic\\_id=UKNLC\\_3](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKNLC/subscriber/new?topic_id=UKNLC_3)

For further information about the Local Development Plan please visit our website at <https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building/development-plans>



# Glossary

## **Delivery Programme**

A document, approved by full council, which sets out how the LDP will be delivered.

## **Development Plan**

The statutory basis of planning decision making, comprising NPF4 and the LDP.

## **Development Plan Scheme (DPS)**

A document setting out the planning authority's programme for preparing and reviewing their LDPs. It is a statutory document and communication tool that lets stakeholders know when and how they can get involved in the plan and keep them informed of progress. It must contain a Participation Statement (see below).

## **Local Development Plan (LDP)**

A local development plan (LDP) is a plan in which it is set out, for land in the part of the district to which it relates:

- a spatial strategy, being a detailed statement of the planning authority's policies and proposals as to the development and use of the land;
- such other matters as may be prescribed; and
- any other matter which the planning authority consider it appropriate to include. It forms part of the statutory development plan

## **Local Place Plans**

LPP is a community-led plan setting out proposals for the development and use of land and a community's aspirations for its future development. Once registered they are to be taken into account in the preparation of the relevant LDP.

## **National Planning Framework (NPF)**

Scotland's fourth National Planning Framework (NPF4) is a long term plan looking to 2045 that guides spatial development, sets out national planning policies, designate national developments and highlight regional spatial priorities. It is part of the development plan, and so influences planning decisions across Scotland.

## **Open Space Strategy (OSS)**

An open space strategy is to set out a strategic framework of the planning authority's policies and proposals as to the development, maintenance and use of green infrastructure in their district, including open spaces and green networks. It must contain; an audit of existing open space provision, an assessment of current and future requirements, and any other matter which the planning authority consider appropriate.

## **Participation Statement**

A document setting out the plan for engagement in the plan making process, including when consultation is likely to take place, with whom and its likely form. This will include the steps to be taken to involve the public at large.

## **Play Sufficiency Assessment (PSA)**

A play sufficiency assessment is the assessment of the sufficiency of play opportunities for children in their area, carried out by a planning authority under the duty as set out in Section 16D(1) of the Town and Country Planning Scotland Act 1997, as amended. Must be done by the planning authority in preparing an Evidence Report.

## **Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS)**

A long-term spatial strategy in respect of the strategic development of an area (or areas). It must specify the region it relates to and identify, in relation to the region:

- the need for strategic development;
- the outcomes to which the authority (or authorities) consider that strategic development will contribute;
- priorities for the delivery of strategic development; and
- proposed locations for strategic development, which must be shown in the strategy in the form of a map or diagram.

## **Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)**

Strategic environmental assessment is a procedure to assess the environmental impact and sustainability of a proposed or existing policy, plan, or programme.

# Appendix 1 - Progress to date (December 2025)

## Plan Preparation

With reference to Table 1 above, the council has completed Stage 1, 'Early Preparation.' This stage involved preparing the first Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement in 2023 for the new North Lanarkshire Local Development Plan 2. Over the last year, Stage 2 has also been completed. Stage

2 identified and assessed evidence-related topic papers for each policy area outlined in NPF4 and the Scottish Government's Local Development Planning Guidance. This allowed stakeholders to confirm whether we identified the most relevant evidence and to provide any additional evidence they wished us to consider. Further engagement and consultation with

stakeholders to collate, discuss, and agree on the evidence has been ongoing with a view to finalising the Evidence Report for reporting to Full Council meeting in April 2026.

Table 3 Engagement and Consultation Completed below shows what exercises have been undertaken to date.

Dates	Engagement Activity	Venue/Method	Groups and Organisations
September 2023	Joint NLC/SLC Gypsy & Travellers community engagement	Hamilton	Gypsy & Travellers community, MECOPP, Scottish Government, NLC/SLC
Nov 2023	Development Plan Scheme & Participation Statement 2023 approved	Online/Email/Social Media	Wide consultation via social media, GovDelivery, community groups, community boards in preparing the DPS/PS
March 2024	Invitation to prepare Local Place Plans issued and links shared to online information and sources	Online/Email/Social Media	Community Councils, community groups, Community Boards, Gov Delivery.
April 2024	NLLDP2 Newsletter 1 published	Online/Email	Sent to key agencies/infrastructure providers, internal contacts, Community Boards, community groups, GovDelivery, Yammer (internal), Elected Members
April 2024	Self-build Housing register - information published online/link sent out with newsletter update	Online/Email	Publicised via social media and GovDelivery
May 2024	Presentation to elected members on NLLDP2 key stages and update	Civic Centre, Motherwell	NLC Elected Members
May 2024	Engaged with Gypsy & Travellers community	Hamilton	MECOPP/ Scottish Government/ COSLA/NLC/SLC
August 2024	Joint NLC/SLC Health & Wellbeing event	Civic Centre, Motherwell	NHS Lanarkshire, PHS, HSCP, NLC/SLC
June 2024 - ongoing	Updates provided to Access Panel as and when required	Attendance at monthly Access Panel meetings	Access Panel

Table 3: Engagement & Consultation Completed			
May - June 2024	NPF4 related Topic Surveys Batch 1 published online for six weeks to assist evidence gathering	Online/Email/GovDelivery	Survey sent to stakeholders including elected members, key agencies, infrastructure providers, community groups/Community Boards and published online and shared via social media platforms and GovDelivery.
June-July 2024	NPF4 related Topic Surveys Batch 2 published online for six weeks to assist evidence gathering	Online/Email/GovDelivery	Survey sent to stakeholders including elected members, key agencies, infrastructure providers, community groups/Community Boards and published online and shared via social media platforms and GovDelivery.
July-Aug 2024	NPF4 related Topic Surveys Batch 3 published online for six weeks to assist evidence gathering	Online/Email/GovDelivery	Survey sent to stakeholders including elected members, key agencies, infrastructure providers, community groups/Community Boards and published online and shared via social media platforms and GovDelivery.
Sept-Oct 2024	NPF4 related Topic Surveys Batch 4 published online for six weeks to assist evidence gathering	Online/Email/GovDelivery	Survey sent to stakeholders including elected members, key agencies, infrastructure providers, community groups/Community Boards and published online and shared via social media platforms and GovDelivery.
Sep-Oct 2024	Landowner/housebuilder/developer survey consultation	Online survey	Survey (prepared with Homes for Scotland) issued to landowners/housebuilders/developers
Oct 2024	Local Place Plan information sharing event held with community groups	Face-to-face session	Community groups/Nick Wright Planning/NLC
Nov 2024	Update and Place Survey awareness provided to Voice of Experience Forum	Attendance at VoE meeting	Voice of Experience
Nov 2024	Update and Place Survey awareness provided to Access Panel	Attendance at Access Panel meeting	Access Panel
Nov 2024 – Jan 2025	NPF4 related Topic Surveys Batch 5 published online for six weeks to assist evidence gathering	Online/Email/GovDelivery	Survey sent to stakeholders including elected members, key agencies, infrastructure providers, community groups/Community Boards and published online and shared via social media platforms and GovDelivery.
Dec 2024 – Mar 2025	Public/stakeholder Place Survey ran over 4 months to raise awareness and gather understanding of community board level area priorities	Online/Email/GovDelivery/Social Media	Survey sent to stakeholders including elected members, key agencies, infrastructure providers, community groups/Community Boards and published online and shared via social media platforms and GovDelivery.
Dec 2024	Place Survey circulated to all children and young people within schools via every parent and carer.	Email/Online	Children and Young People
Jan 2025	Internal staff workshop for wider Place service presenting NPF4/NLLDP2 updates and discussion of topics	Online	Place Service session internally for staff.
Jan 2025	Further information issued to assist communities in the preparation of Local Place Plans.	Email	Community Councils/community groups

**Table 3: Engagement & Consultation Completed**

Jan 2025	Follow-up session - Local Place Plan information sharing event held with community groups	Face-to-face session	Community groups/Nick Wright Planning/NLC
Jan 2025 - Ongoing	Key Agency topic-by-topic engagement	Online/In-person	Key Agencies
Feb 2025	Public drop-in sessions for Place Surveys	In-person	Public drop-in sessions in each of the Community Board areas.
Feb 2025	Tenants 'Food for Thought' Conference	In-person	Tenants & Residents Associations/North Lanarkshire Federations/ Tenants Participation Team
Feb 2025	Youth Councillors/Youth Parliament Workshop to highlight & assist with the Place Survey and discuss the new NLLDP2.	In-person	Youth Councillors/Youth Parliament members
Feb 2025	Access Panel attendance to raise awareness and understanding of Place Survey	In-person	Access Panel
May 2025 – Aug 2025	Landowner and housebuilder/developer survey consultation to gather information on the existing housing land supply to inform Housing Land Audit and Delivery Programme	Online/Email	Landowners/Housebuilders/Developers/Homes for Scotland
Aug 2025	Site assessment workshop	In-person Workshop	Key Agencies/Homes for Scotland/ Developers/ Landowners/ Housebuilders/Agencies/Nick Wright/ Internal (NLC) staff
Sept 2025	Site assessment workshop and LDP update	Online Workshop	Elected Members
Nov 2025	Community Board sessions x 2 - events to share updates on the Local Development Plan, present findings from our recent Place Survey, and introduce the proposed site assessment methodology for the upcoming Call for Ideas.	Online Workshop	Community Boards (community groups part of the community boards)
Nov 2025	Community Board sessions x 2 - to update on and explore the draft Open Space Strategy	Online Workshop	Community Boards (community groups part of the community boards)



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