

LDP Review Launched

On 28 February 2023, Midlothian Council's [Planning Committee](#) agreed to commence the preparation of the next Local Development Plan for Midlothian (MLDP2).

The current Local Development Plan was adopted in November 2017. Since then the legislation on development plans has changed due to the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019. A significant change is that Strategic Development Plans are no longer in force, and the National Planning Framework is now part of the development plan.

Under the new system, LDPs must be replaced every 10 years and replacement LDPs should be prepared within 5 years of National Planning Framework approval. [National Planning Framework 4 \(NPF4\)](#) was approved on 13 February 2023.

The first step in the preparation process is engagement with people who live and work in Midlothian to gather information about the area which will help us prepare an Evidence Report on which to base the new plan.

We are also engaging with a wide range of organisations, including the voluntary sector, businesses, developers, land owners, national agencies and representative bodies.

We have invited local community bodies to prepare Local Place Plans (LPP). These LPPs will allow community bodies to set out their own proposals for the development or use of their area. More information is provided below.

✉ Join our mailing list by emailing us at ldp@midlothian.gov.uk



How to get involved

- ✓ Check [our website](#)
- ✓ Come to a drop in event (see page 2 for details)
- ✓ Visit our [web page on engagement activities](#)



Local Place Plans

Midlothian Council has invited community bodies to prepare Local Place Plans.

What are Local Place Plans?

Local Place Plans (LPPs) have been introduced by the Scottish Government as a way for communities to help influence change in their local area. They are a tool for local communities to think about how to make their place better, agree priorities and work with others to make change happen.

Who can prepare a Local Place Plan?

Community bodies can develop Local Place Plans. This means either a community council or a community-controlled body as defined by [Section 19 of the Community Empowerment \(Scotland\) Act 2015](#).

What does a Local Place Plan look like?

A Local Place Plan can be a short, clear and visual document which sets out the community body's proposals and priorities. Legislation requires that an LPP contains:

1. a map showing the area that the LPP covers;
2. a statement of the community body's proposals as to the development or use of land within the LPP area; and
3. the community body's views of the level and nature of support in the community for the LPP and the reasons for these views.

Why prepare a Local Place Plan?

LPPs will influence future planning policies for an area. They will be taken into account when we prepare MLDP2. LPPs need to be submitted to Midlothian Council by 31 October 2023. More information is available at on our [LPPs web page](#).

Drop In Events

The Local Development Plan team are holding a series of drop in events across Midlothian in May and June 2023.

At these events you can find out more about the LDP preparation process, LPPs and tell us your views on the future development of Midlothian. We will also be using the events to ask communities their views on open space and play opportunities in their area.

Gorebridge Library

Thursday 4th May 2023 13:00 – 19:00

Loanhead Library

Tuesday 9th May 2023 13:00 – 19:00

Dalkeith Library

Thursday 11th May 2023 13:00 – 19:00

Lasswade Library

Tuesday 23rd May 2023 13:00 – 19:00

Newtongrange

Thursday 25th May 2023 13:00 – 19:00

Penicuik Library

Thursday 1st June 2023 13:00 – 19:00

Tell Us About Your Place

To help us gather information about the area, we are asking people who live or work here to complete our [Place Standard survey](#) to tell us about their places, how they function, what is good about them and what could be improved.

It is important that we hear from all sorts of different people, particularly children and young people whose future will be affected by the new plan. A separate questionnaire for children and young people will be added to our website soon.