



What is a Local Development Plan?

- A Local Development Plan is a document with maps that Councils in Scotland are legally required to prepare. The plan sets out how our towns and villages will grow and change.
- Before anyone can carry out building, engineering, mining or other operation in, on, over or under land, or change the use of buildings or land, planning permission from the Council is often needed. Decisions on applications for planning permission and other related consents must be made in accordance with the development plan, unless “material considerations” mean that a different decision is justified.
- The development plan for Midlothian is made up of two parts – the Local Development Plan and the National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4). The Local Development Plan is prepared by the Council. The National Planning Framework is prepared by the Scottish Government.
- The purpose of the development plan is to set out how our places will change into the future, including where development should and shouldn’t happen. Development plans describe where new homes and workplaces will be built, how services and facilities will be provided, and identify the places we value that should be protected.
- Every Local Development Plan now has to have a Delivery Plan, which sets out how the LDP will be implemented. The Delivery Plan will replace the current Action Programme.

Why is a new LDP being prepared?

- Councils are required by law to prepare a Local Development Plan (LDP) for their area. The current Midlothian Local Development Plan was published in 2017. It is now time for us to prepare a new plan because it takes a few years from the start of the process to the adoption of the new plan.
- The current local development plan (MLDP 2017) only allocates land for new housing to meet our needs up to 2024. We also need to update the plan to encourage more action to tackle the causes and effects of climate change. The publication of NPF4 also means that we need to adjust some of the policies and proposals in the plan.

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