



LDP Preparation Process

- Legislation sets out the process the Council must follow to prepare a new Local Development Plan.
- The first major step in preparing the new Local Development Plan is a programme of engagement with communities and other stakeholders. The purpose of the engagement with communities is to gather views on Midlothian as a place to live and work – things you like, things you would change and things you would like to see in the future.
- The focus is on Midlothian as a place. This means it is about the buildings, spaces between buildings, our surroundings and how we move around, and the influence these have on quality of life. The development plan sets out how our places will change into the future. To do this successfully, we need to understand how well our places are functioning now, and what communities would like to keep or change about their place.
- Alongside engaging with communities, we will be engaging with other stakeholders such as community councils and other community bodies, transport providers, health and social care, education, national agencies (e.g. Scottish Water and SEPA) and developers.
- All of the information gathered during the engagement with communities and other stakeholders will be presented in an Evidence Report. The purpose of the Evidence Report is to show what we need to plan for before the Proposed Plan looks at where development should take place.
- The Evidence Report has to set out a summary of the evidence collected during the engagement phase and an analysis of what the evidence means for the plan.
- The Evidence Report must be submitted to the Scottish Government for approval. When it has been approved, we will start to prepare the Proposed Plan. It will identify where development should take place and where it should not. We will work with communities and other stakeholders when drafting the Proposed Plan, and there will be a formal consultation on it in 2025.
- Following the consultation on the Proposed Plan, we will make any changes that are needed and then send it to the Scottish Government for Examination. Following completion of the Examination, the Council will adopt Midlothian Local Development Plan 2. This is expected to be in 2026.

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