



MIDLOTHIAN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2 – VALIDATION AND REGISTRATION OF LOCAL PLACE PLANS

Report By Chief Officer Place

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's agreement to validate and register eight finalised Local Place Plans which have been prepared and submitted to the Council by Midlothian community groups (all community councils). The Committee is also requested to note the content of two draft Local Place Plans (LPPs), one prepared by the Penicuik and District Community Council and the second by the Loanhead and District Community Council. Furthermore, while no LPP has been prepared by Tynewater Community Council or Moorfoot Community Council, however engagement has been undertaken by these community councils and their comments should be noted.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting of 28 February 2023 the Committee authorised invitations to be issued to Midlothian's local community groups to prepare LPPs which would help inform production of the Midlothian Local Development Plan 2 (MLDP2). Invitations were then subsequently sent on 9 March 2023 (and followed up with correspondence on 26 May, 8 August, and 23 November 2023) to Midlothian Community Councils, Midlothian Community Development Trusts and Midlothian Faith Groups. This invitation was issued in accordance section 15 A(a) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as modified by the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019.
- 2.2 Community bodies can develop LPPs. This means either:
- A Community Council, established in accordance with Part 4 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973; or
 - A community-controlled body, as defined by Section 19 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.
- 2.3 The MLDP2 report to the Committee at its meeting of 31 October 2023 set out a timetable for reporting back to Committee on LPPs. This included reporting on draft LPPs to the Committee at its meeting of 23 January 2024 and a commitment to present finalised LPPs at a future Committee meeting.

- 2.4 The report to the Committee meeting of 23 January 2024 set out the role and purpose of LPPs, a summary of support provided by the Council to community groups, the timescale and process for preparing a LPP and a summary of the draft LPPs received.
- 2.5 The 28 February 2023 Committee report provided more details of the role and purpose of LPPs, however in summary:
- LPPs are documents to be produced by a community body setting out their ambitions for the development and use of land in their communities;
 - While LPPs must take account of National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) and the Midlothian Local Development Plan 2017 (as the existing adopted local development plan) during preparation, they are also an opportunity for community groups to formally express their aspirations for their local areas;
 - LPPs can therefore include aspirations on land, buildings, the environment (built, physical and natural), facilities, footpath, cycle and road connections and public transport; and
 - LPPs can include information on what is valued in a community.

3 FINALISED LOCAL PLACE PLANS RECEIVED

- 3.1 The Council set a deadline of 31 March 2024 for receipt of final LPPs. Eight finalised Local Place Plans (LPPs) prepared by Midlothian community groups have been received by the Council. The LPPs submitted for validation and registration are listed in Table 1 below. Only community councils have submitted LPPs or expressed an interest in submitting LPPs.

Table 1: Submitted Final Local Place Plans Received for Validation and Registration by Midlothian Council

Community Bodies Submitting a Final Local Place Plans Received for Validation and Registration by Midlothian Council	
1	Bonnyrigg and District Community Council
2	Damhead and District Community Council
3	Eskbank and Newbattle Community Council
4	Gorebridge Community Council
5	Mayfield and Easthouses Community Council
6	Newtongrange Community Council
7	Rosewell and District Community Council
8	Roslin and Bilston Community Council

- 3.2 Appendix A of this report contains summaries of the content of these eight LPPs. Appendix B contains the full copies of these eight final LPPs.
- 3.3 The Council has also received draft LPPs from Penicuik and District Community Council and Loanhead and District Community Council. The Council had not received any intimation from these groups that they were producing a LPP so were not identified in the 23 January

2024 Committee report. Consequently, unlike the received eight final LPPs, the Council has not been involvement in their production. These two draft LPPs are in Appendix C of this report for the Committee's information – the draft LPPs will be considered in the preparation of MLDP2, but don't have the weight of a validated and registered LPP.

- 3.4 No LPP was produced by Tynewater Community Council or Moorfoot Community Council, but notes from the engagement by these community councils during the LPP process are included in Appendix C of this report for information and will be considered in the preparation of MLDP2, but don't have the weight of a validated and registered LPP.

4 VALIDATION AND REGISTRATION OF LOCAL PLACE PLANS

- 4.1 Annex B of the Scottish Government's May 2023 Local Development Planning Guidance sets out details on how planning authorities should initiate and support the preparation of LPPs by community bodies, and the requirements for validation and registration of LPPs by planning authorities. The Planning Service considers it has given full support to community bodies wishing to prepare a LPP, including providing advice and guidance, attending meetings and giving assistance where asked with map production.
- 4.2 For a LPP to be validated and registered by the Council the LPP must comply with Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 schedule 19, 1(4) and 2(1) and Regulation 5 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Place Plans) (Scotland) Regulations 2021.
- 4.3 If the Council decides not to validate and register a LPP, it must give its reasons for that decision to the community body that prepared and submitted the LPP (Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 schedule 19, 3(3)).
- 4.4 Further information on these matters is set out in Scottish Government Planning Circular 1/2022: Local Place Plans.
- 4.5 The Council has worked with the eight community bodies that have submitted finalised LPPs. It has made an assessment of these documents to determine if they meet the legislative requirements for validation and registration. The Council's Planning Service is satisfied that the eight submitted final LPPs meet the legislative requirements and can be validated and registered by the Council. The Council's assessment on whether the local place plans meet the legislative requirements for validation and registration is set out in Appendix D.
- 4.6 Validating and registering the LPPs does not commit Midlothian Council to undertaking actions or making resource commitments, beyond existing service plans and budgets, towards delivery of any outcomes or aspirations identified in the local place plans.
- 4.6 The draft Penicuik and District Community Council and Loanhead and District Community Council LPPs do not meet the legislative

requirements and as such cannot be validated and registered. The Planning Service will inform the Community Councils of this position.

- 4.7 Any validated and registered LPP, draft LPP and engagement information will be circulated to appropriate services across the Council for consideration. The community councils will also be notified of the Committee's decision with regard their LPP.

5 RECOMMENDATION

5.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (a) notes the content of the eight submitted final Local Place Plans identified in this report (Appendix B) and agrees to their validation and registration;
- (b) notes the content of the draft Local Place Plans which were submitted by Penicuik and District Community Council and Loanhead and District Community Council; and the Local Place Plan engagement undertaken by Tynewater Community Council and Moorfoot Community Council;
- (c) instruct the Planning, Sustainable Growth and Investment Manager to publish the Local Place Plans in accordance with the requirements of the regulations (to be available online and at Council offices in map and word format); and
- (d) notes that the Local Place Plans, the draft Local Place Plans and records of associated engagement will be taken into account in the preparation of Midlothian Local Development Plan 2.

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Background Papers: Reports on MLDP2 to Committee at its meeting of 28 February 2023, 16 May 2023, 31 October 2023 and 28 November 2023 and a report on Draft Local Place Plans to the Committee meeting of 23 January 2024.

Appendix A: Summary of the eight Final Local Place Plans

Appendix B: The eight Final Local Place Plans Received (Full Copies)

Appendix C: Penicuik and District Community Council and Loanhead and District Community Council Draft Local Place Plans and the outcome of the engagement undertaken by Tynewater Community Council and Moorfoot Community Councils when considering producing a Local Place Plan.

Appendix D: Validation and Registration Assessment of the submitted Local Place Plans

Appendix A: Summary of the Eight Received Final Local Place Plans

Report to 04 June 2024 Planning Committee:

Midlothian Local Development Plan 2 – Registration of Local Place Plans

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Bonnyrigg and District Local Place Plan (Final) (2024)

Location: Bonnyrigg and District Community Council area

Engagement: Surveys and the use of Place Standard tool (online), which identified the following ratings per topic (1-low to 7-high) for the LPP area:

Order	Place Standard Topic	Rating
1	Natural space	4.9
2	Moving around	4.4
3	Play and recreation	4.2
3	Public transport	4.2
5	Feeling safe	4.1
5	Work and local economy	4.1
7	Social interaction	4.0
8	Facilities and services	3.9
8	Streets and spaces	3.9
8	Identity and belonging	3.9
11	Housing and community	3.7
12	Care and maintenance	3.6
13	Traffic and parking	3.4
14	Influence and sense of control	3.0

Proposals: The Local Place Plan proposals relate to:

Housing and Environment

- **Provision** – Requirement for future developments to provide a mixture of housing styles and sizes, including affordable and mid-market homes.
- **MLDP Site e16 (Hopefield)** – Consider the site as a future housing location with emphasis on smaller house sizes and styles. Develop existing sustainable urban drainage systems (SUDS) ponds as a wildlife refuge. Make provision for community allotments.
- **Future housing locations** – Delay identification of future housing locations until proposals for infrastructure improvements are brought forward.

Sustainable Travel

- **Penicuik to Dalkeith walkway** – Extend proposals to increase the path width to 4.0 metres to include the area from Hopefield 1 (Castell Maynes) to Cockpen Road.
- **A7 Urbanisation project** – The LPP area would benefit from progress on this project to provide active travel provision along the A7 road between Gilmerton Road Roundabout and Dalhousie Road, Newtongrange.
- **Linked bus services** – Address missing link and connect Rosewell with the Lasswade Centre and Hopefield development.

Commercial

- **Commercial facilities** – Need to provide a location for a commercial centre between Bonnyrigg and Rosewell, potentially near the Hopefield 2 development, with access from A6094 roundabout.

Traffic and Parking

- **Traffic** – Address congestion due to no right-hand filter facilities incorporated in the traffic signals in Bonnyrigg town centre. Introduce right turn traffic light filters from High Street to Polton Street and Polton Street to Dundas Street. Introduce traffic lights at the Hillhead junction with Melville Dykes Road operating all day, to improve the traffic flow into Lasswade from Polton Road.
- **Parking** – Introduce controlled parking behind Polton Street and the High Street

Community Facilities

- **Community hub** – Explore possibility of developing former retail facility in Polton Street as a community facility with meeting space and café, and potential to host farmers' market.
- **Care facility – Polton Road** – Although not directly linked to the LPP, this facility so due to be completed in 2026.
- **Poltonhall recreation ground** – Asset transfer agreed between Midlothian Council and Bonnyrigg Rose Community FC.

Damhead and District Local Place Plan (Final) (2024)

Location: Damhead and District Community Council area

Engagement: Surveys, community events, drop-in sessions and meetings undertaken relating to National Planning Framework 4, Climate Action Plan, Neighbourhood Plan, and Local Place Plan proposals.

Vision: *'The Local Place Plan prompts constructive discussion of the way we would like our 'place' to develop over the next 10 years and articulates effectively the improvements we would like to see for the benefit not only of our own residents and future generations but also people visiting or travelling through Damhead and District.'*

Key Aims and Priority Actions:

- Promote and support a cohesive resilient community, which thrives and has a strong vibrant community spirit.
 - Improve infrastructure and services, especially doctors and dental practices.
 - Include community facilities at the new secondary school.
 - Improve the integration of social housing.
 - Community energy.
- Maintain rural aspects of the area, open spaces, and the good quality agricultural land.
 - Reject the A701 relief road.
 - Safeguard the Green Belt.
 - Maintain the rural aspect of the area, its open spaces and good agricultural land.
 - Build new houses only where justified.
- Promote a safe environment through safe and efficient transport and travel options, and the development of a more extensive green network.
 - Develop a more extensive green network.
 - Develop an integrated network of paths for walkers, cyclists, and horse riders.
 - Improve the safety of the triple junction and the junction of Bush Loan and A702.
 - Address 20mph and 40mph speed limits.
 - Create better paths around SRUC fields.
 - Improve pavements.
 - Promote a safe environment through a safe efficient public transport system.
 - Separate paths from vehicular traffic.
 - Improve the drainage of roads.
- Proactively build on the positive aspects of our local area to limit climate change and restore biodiversity.
 - Protect existing wildlife and promote biodiversity.
 - Ensure adequate sustainable drainage.
 - Increase green wildlife-friendly areas and link them to create corridors.
- Support the development of local businesses that complement the land-based resources that make up our local area.
 - Encourage local food production.
- Celebrate and recognise the unique heritage of the local area.
 - Promote the area as a green gateway to Midlothian and the Pentland Hills.

Policy Proposals for inclusion in the next Midlothian Local Development Plan are detailed in the Local Place Plan. A summary is noted below.

- 1** – Inclusion of a Damhead Dispersed Settlement Statement.
- 2** – Recognition of the Designation of the Damhead and District area as Cultural Landscape of Significance
- 3** – Recognition of the Damhead Nature Network (DNN).
- 4** – Straiton Bing to be designated as a Cultural Landscape Feature and Core Biodiversity Area.

Amendment Proposals to amend Midlothian Local Development Plan are detailed in the Local Place Plan. A summary is noted below.

- 3.1** – Remove the A701 relief road.
- 3.2** – Change classification of area Mx1 (Pentland Studios).
- 3.3** – Change classification of area Ec3 (West Straiton).

Eskbank and Newbattle Local Place Plan (Final) (2024)

Location: Eskbank and Newbattle Community Council area

Engagement: Questionnaire based on 14 themes in the Place Standard tool (online) with provision for comments. The Place Standard tool identified the following ratings per topic (1-low to 7-high) for the LPP area:

Order	Place Standard Topic	Rating
1	Natural space	5.9
2	Play and recreation	5.6
3	Public transport	5.1
3	Feeling safe	5.1
5	Facilities and services	4.8
6	Moving around	4.7
7	Work and local economy	4.6
8	Streets and spaces	4.4
8	Social interaction	4.4
10	Housing and community	4.3
11	Identity and belonging	4.1
11	Care and maintenance	4.1
13	Traffic and parking	4.0
14	Influence and sense of control	3.1

Vision for community: to improve local liveability through:

- improved active travel capability in general.
- improved public transport.
- decreased traffic congestion, speeding and parking density.
- greater emphasis on smaller housing units for downsizing or startup.
- creation of a social focal point to enhance community cohesion.
- protection and enhancement of the extensive green spaces and rivers valued by this community.

Opportunities and Proposals: The Local Place Plan provides full details of opportunities, proposals, and actions. A summary is noted below.

Active Travel

- Improve active travel route between Eskbank railway station and Eskbank.
- Improve the safety of pedestrian route from supermarket car park and Hardengreen Lane to Eskbank railway bridge and station.
- Need for safe pedestrian crossings and provision of pavements to improve access to bus stops (at A7 and B703 roads) and Eskbank railway station.
- Active travel improvements at the B703 road at and around Newbattle Abbey.
- Re-opening of path leading from Cemetery Road (by the Water Tower) to River North Esk bridge, giving access to Ironmills Park.

Natural Space and Environment

- Green spaces must continue to be protected against encroachment by development.
- North Esk River valley – the scenic impact either side of the B6392, Melville Road / Gilmerton Road at Elginhaugh is important to residents, and no development should be allowed here.
- Protect trees on the north side of Melville Gate Road to screen planned development at Sheriffhall, southeast of Gilmerton Road.
- Consider future protection of green space around Hardengreen and off Dalhousie Road (B6392) as it approaches the A7 road.
- Preservation of Smeaton Line railway cutting within Eskbank.
- Consideration of routes over and under the Borders railway line and impact on biodiversity.
- Protect natural spaces and maximise benefits of hedges, treelines, and flowering meadows. Set aside spaces to allow recovery of well used natural spaces.
- Restore and enhance natural spaces to improve habitat quality. Planting buffer strips along waterways and park, promoting hedgerows and some park areas for wildflower meadows. Promote biodiversity in communal residential areas.
- Connect habitats and remove barriers. Integrate more wild areas.
- Support and promote community participation in local nature recovery projects.

Public Transport

- Improve local bus routes and connections to Eskbank railway station.
- Improve bus services and commuting links to Edinburgh.

Traffic Management

- Physical measures may be required to address traffic speed around Eskbank Toll roundabout.
- Address problems relating to vehicle speeding, congestion, and congestion.
- Introduce physical speed restriction measures.
- Introduce more extensive parking restrictions, including at side road junctions.

Housing

- Little further scope for any larger-scale development.
- Potential opportunities for small-scale development at vacant sites.

Community Cohesion

- Create social space and focal point for Eskbank and Newbattle.
- Provide facilities to develop sense of community identity.
- Investigate opportunities to provide outdoor community space, such as a village square or green.
- Investigate opportunities to provide indoor meeting spaces, such as a village hall and community café.

Gorebridge Local Place Plan (Final) (2024)

Location: Gorebridge Community Council area.

Engagement: Community events, consultation, workshops, and surveys, including the use of Place Standard tool, which identified the following ratings per topic (1-low to 7-high) for the LPP area:

Order	Place Standard Topic	Rating
1	Natural space	4.9
2	Moving around	4.6
3	Public transport	4.5
3	Social interaction	4.5
5	Facilities and services	4.3
6	Identity and belonging	4.2
6	Feeling safe	4.2
8	Traffic and parking	4.1
8	Work and local economy	4.1
8	Housing and community	4.1
11	Streets and spaces	4.0
11	Influence and sense of control	4.0
13	Care and maintenance	3.7
14	Play and recreation	3.2

Vision: A vibrant, safe, welcoming, and attractive place with opportunities for all.

Themes and Priorities: The Local Place Plan provides full details of community aspirations under the NPF4 themes of sustainable places, liveable places, and productive places, as well as specific proposals for consideration by MLDP2. Priorities for action are summarised below.

Movement

- Improve bus and train services.
- Improve and develop footpaths and cycleways.
- Address parking issues, traffic management and speeding.
- Improve disability access and safer crossings.

Spaces

- Sports complex including swimming pool and all-weather pitches, gym, etc.
- Conserve natural spaces under threat due to development.
- Create outdoor facilities for play and recreation for all.
- Public transport to access Vogrie Park.
- Make the most of vacant and derelict land.
- More seating areas.

Resources

- A new high school for Gorebridge
- A local affordable supermarket
- Access to full range of health services for all.
- Revive Main Street with shops and toilets.
- Upgrade community football facilities.
- Appropriate affordable and efficient housing.
- More training and employment opportunities locally.

Civic

- Affordable events, activities for all age groups, abilities, and cultures.
- More social spaces, e.g. cafes, community pantry.
- Increase promotion of what is on locally, e.g. support, groups, and activities.
- More police presence and initiatives to reduce anti-social behaviour.
- Easy access for mental health support services.
- Support and develop community growing spaces.
- Accessible recycling facilities needed.

Stewardship

- Cleaner streets.
- More regular road maintenance.
- Support and encourage volunteering.
- Explore community renewable energy production.
- Make Gorebridge dementia friendly.
- Protect, preserve, and conserve our heritage.

Mayfield and Easthouses Local Place Plan (Final) (2024)

Location: Mayfield and Easthouses Community Council area

Engagement: Public consultation and survey questionnaires undertaken, utilising the Place Standard tool to gauge the views of the local community. The engagement gathered a range of comments and identified the following ratings per Place Standard topic (1-low to 7-high) for the LPP area:

Order	Place Standard Topic	Rating
1	Moving around	4.98
2	Public transport	3.91
3	Traffic and parking	3.72
4	Identity and belonging	3.51
5	Social interaction	3.48
6	Housing and community	3.33
7	Facilities and services	3.29
7	Work and local economy	3.29
9	Feeling safe	3.23
9	Influence and sense of control	3.23
11	Natural space	3.12
12	Streets and spaces	3.08
12	Play and recreation	3.08
14	Care and maintenance	2.95

Themes: The main theme of the Local Place Plan is restoring community pride. The town centre redevelopment remains a priority, as does safe routes to school and constantly improving infrastructure. The Local Place Plan also addresses the level of housing development in the area.

Recommended Actions / Proposals: Analysis of the Place Standard results and comments have been used to inform and develop Local Place Plan actions, approaches, and strategies. These are detailed in the LPP and summarised below:

1. **Empowering young people** – including education and employment opportunities.
2. **Tackling deprivation** – aim to raise income levels and improve access to education and jobs.
3. **Community engagement** – involving residents in the decision-making process.
4. **Healthcare and wellbeing** – providing access to quality healthcare.
5. **Placemaking and infrastructure** – improving the built environment, infrastructure, and public spaces.
6. **Economic development** – encouraging economic growth, job creation and support for local businesses.
7. **Sustainability and the environment** – promote sustainability and protect the environment.

8. **Equality and inclusivity** – ensuring equity and inclusivity across all actions will be a guiding principle in the development of the Local Place Plan.
9. **Housing development** – opposition to large scale housing developments in MLDP2.
10. **Mayfield town centre** – The Regeneration Masterplan addresses redevelopment of existing townscape and built environment as well as improvements in a range of areas, including social housing, safety, amenities, services, facilities, employment, and transport.
11. **School provision** – address the improvements required in educational attainment.
12. **Road improvements** – discourage HGV and school bus traffic on Crawlees Road through traffic calming and other road safety measures. Address industrial and residential traffic in the Crawlees Road area with consideration given to safeguarded road.
13. **Safer routes to school** – a safe route from Lothian Drive to the new Easthouses Primary School.
14. **Retail in Easthouses** – investment required in the Easthouses shopping area.

Newtongrange Local Place Plan (Final) (2024)

Location: Newtongrange Community Council area

Engagement: The Local Place Plan process included a review of previous engagement undertaken. The Place Standard tool was also used to gain views and opinions from the local community. Community engagement sessions held at local library, supermarket, and other venues to gain further comments and understanding of issues. Place Standard identified the following ratings per topic (1-low to 7-high) for the Local Place Plan area:

Order	Place Standard Topic	Rating
1	Natural space	5.2
2	Identity and belonging	5.0
3	Social interaction	4.5
3	Play and recreation	4.5
3	Moving around	4.5
3	Feeling safe	4.5
7	Housing and community	4.4
8	Streets and spaces	4.2
8	Public transport	4.2
10	Work and local economy	4.0
10	Traffic and parking	4.0
10	Care and maintenance	4.0
13	Facilities and services	3.9
14	Influence and sense of control	3.4

Vision:

- Newtongrange will have a responsive relationship with Midlothian Council and other service providers. This will help to produce an excellent range of services and facilities to cater for all ages and sectors in our community.
- Newtongrange seeks to enhance the village's heritage, ensuring well-maintained public spaces, clean surroundings, efficient infrastructure, and robust support systems. The collective efforts of its residents enrich the quality of life for all, fostering a sense of belonging and fulfilment within a sustainable, caring, and flourishing community.
- Newtongrange aims to protect its' green spaces and services which are essential to strengthen community bonds, promote local pride, and enhance the quality of life for residents.

Proposals: Analysis of the Place Standard results and comments and other engagement comments have been used to inform and develop Local Place Plan proposals and actions. The full detail is contained in the LPP and a summary of is noted below.

Influence and sense of control.

Clear and open communication with Midlothian Council:

- More weight given to outcomes identified as part of community consultation.
- Facilitate direct communication channels.
- Enhance transparency.
- Prioritise actionable outcomes.
- Advocate for feedback implementation.
- Regular updates and engagement opportunities.
- Collaborative workshops or forums.

Facilities and services.

An area for development, requiring a review of facilities and services to identify opportunities, with a focus on a community hub, library, and healthcare services. Importance placed on quality infrastructure and reuse of buildings. Actions include:

- Community consultation.
- Assessment of existing facilities.
- Identify gaps and needs.
- Benchmarking and best practices.
- Collaboration with stakeholders.
- Feasibility study and resource assessment.
- Develop a comprehensive plan.
- Continual community engagement.

Care and maintenance.

Enhancement of surroundings with aim of achieving local living. Focus placed on:

- Roads and paths.
- A7 pavement review.
- Business planning applications and compliance.
- Youth engagement and community improvement.
- 20-minute neighbourhood goals.

Traffic and parking.

Development of proposals to address traffic volume and safety issues:

- Traffic management around Newtongrange Primary School.
- Safety measures for Crawlees Road.
- Parking solutions for narrow streets.
- Reconfiguration of roads and traffic flow.
- Engagement with developers and council.

Work and local economy

- Volunteer development.
- Supporting people with disabilities.
- Third-sector partnerships.
- Mining Museum utilisation.
- Class development and promotion.
- Grant funding and resource allocation.

Public transport

Overarching themes for public transport include:

- Comprehensive community feedback.
- Collaboration during review of transport / Local Transport Strategy.
- Multi-modal transportation planning.
- Accessibility and inclusivity.
- Public awareness campaigns.
- Environmental considerations.
- Funding.
- Regular updates to the community.

Streets and spaces

- Derelict buildings and antisocial behaviour.
- Excessive bins and obstructions.
- Inspections and enforcement.
- Tennis courts and Welfare Park buildings.
- Repair seating areas and benches.
- Dropped kerbs design.
- Collaboration with council.
- Tennis pavilion improvement.
- Primary school refurbishment plan.
- Street cleaning.

Housing and community

- Diversification of housing types.
- Limiting large developments.
- Infrastructure focus.
- Solar energy integration.
- Community consultation for masterplan.
- Assessment of water and drainage systems.
- Sustainable development principles.
- Partnership with developers.

Feeling safe

- Dog control measures.
- Youth workers and community support officers.
- Proactive police measures.
- Improved street lighting.
- Designated bins for dog litter.
- CCTV installation.

Moving around

- Better cycle routes.
- Zebra crossings and speed limits.
- Pavement reviews, especially under viaduct and 1st to 10th Street.
- A7 crossings and footpath to Dalhousie Castle.
- Truck restrictions and roundabout design.
- A7 pathways between King's Gate and Newtongrange Main Street.
- Anti-litter and dog fouling signs.
- Electric scooter safety.

Play and recreation.

- Public toilets in Welfare Park.
- Refurbishment and facility improvements.
- Diverse coffee and eatery options.
- Support groups for families.
- Accessible activities for elderly and disabled.
- Youth group building maintenance.
- Promotion of groups.
- Collaboration with voluntary groups.

Identity and Belonging

- Maintenance of community assets.
- Enhancement of public spaces.
- Diversification of local businesses.
- Addressing economic deprivation.
- Improving beyond main streets.
- Balancing new building development
- Preservation of friendliness.

Natural Space

- Community garden.
- Safer cycle links.
- Clubs for children.
- Preservation of fields.
- Wildlife-friendly initiatives.
- Litter collection and cleanliness.
- Development of pavilion and bowling complex.
- Additional seating and picnic areas.
- Utilise football building.
- Accessible walks.
- Preservation of green spaces.

Rosewell and District Local Place Plan (Final) (2024)

Location: Rosewell and District Community Council area

Engagement: The Local Place Plan process involved various methods of online and in-person community and stakeholder engagement, including surveys, meetings, and community events. Use of the Place Standard tool identified the following average ratings per topic (1-low to 7-high) for the Local Place Plan area:

Order	Place Standard Topic	Rating
1	Natural space	6.0
2	Moving around	5.0
2	Play and recreation	5.0
2	Identity and belonging	5.0
2	Feeling safe	5.0
6	Traffic and parking	4.0
6	Streets and spaces	4.0
6	Housing and community	4.0
6	Social interaction	4.0
6	Care and maintenance	4.0
6	Influence and sense of control	4.0
12	Facilities and services	3.0
12	Work and local economy	3.0
14	Public transport	2.0

Vision: The vision for the Local Place Plan area has been developed through the collective analysis of local community needs and includes:

- Becoming more self-sufficient and sustainable on a local scale.
- Enhancing and developing the vibrancy and prosperity of Rosewell.
- Tackling environmental, social, and economic issues.

Priorities / Proposals: The Local Place Plan has identified five interlinked priorities with associated actions and site-specific locations. Full details are provided in the LPP, and a summary is noted below.

1. Life in the Community

Aim for Rosewell to become a self-sufficient village and develop economic growth.

- Retain vital community services.
- Incorporate and improve private facilities to be available to the community.
- Work towards a 20-minute neighbourhood with the rural context of Rosewell village.
- Invest in public spaces.
- Allocation of unused green space within Rosewell village for outdoor activities.
- Invest in village medical facilities.

2. Environment

Aim to protect areas of nature, support local groups and organisations, and work alongside public bodies to enhance, protect and educate.

- Encourage the community to adopt and enhance green spaces that could provide potential for biodiversity.
- Improve path network for all users.
- More bins for litter and dog litter.
- Protect greenspaces.

3. Population and Homes

Aim to protect Rosewell from further expansion; required amenities within walking distance; safe routes to schools; and schools that can provide for all children.

- Improve traffic management within Rosewell village.
- Increased traffic warden and police presence.
- No new housing development allocations in Local Place Plan area.
- Improve housing standards and sensitivity to natural environments and surroundings.
- Protect Rosewell village from boundary expansion.

4. Getting About

Aim to redesign the transport infrastructure to connect to Midlothian and Edinburgh and include safe walking routes around Rosewell village.

- Improve transport links.
- Improve safe footpaths through Rosewell village.
- Improve access for all within Rosewell village.

5. Jobs and Businesses

Aim to create more economic potential within Rosewell and surrounding areas.

- Increase visitor numbers to Rosewell.
- Support resources within Rosewell to help improve visibility which feeds funding back into the community.
- Support and celebrate businesses and community groups within Rosewell.
- Allocation of unused land within Rosewell village.
- Allocation of vacant building within Rosewell village.
- Social enterprise encouragement.

Roslin and Bilston Local Place Plan (Final) (2024)

Location: Roslin and Bilston Community Council area

Engagement: The Local Place Plan process involved consultation with the residents, community groups, businesses, and other organisations, and included the gathering and assessment of comments on the local area.

Vision: Two communities where the 20-minute neighbourhood concept becomes a reality, where local amenities both within the built-up areas and in the local countryside are safely accessible by means of active travel and where new development has a distinctive local character.

Proposals: The Local Place Plan seeks to mitigate the adverse effects of the recent and ongoing developments. Full details of proposals as to the development and use of land are included in the LPP, and a summary is noted below.

Active travel, movement, and safety

1. Active travel – B7006 between Bilston and Roslin.
2. Active travel – to the proposed new Beeslack High School.
3. Active travel – between Auchendinny and Roslin.
4. 20 mph speed limits (A701 / B7003) to promote active travel, safety, health, and amenity.
5. Responsible use of routes dedicated to active travel.
6. Active travel and access to Roslin Glen Country Park.
7. Safe conditions for mobility-impaired persons.

Historic and natural environment

8. Protecting the historic environment (Battle of Roslin site).
9. Fostering the natural environment (trees / hedgerows).
10. Alternatives to regularly mown grass (trees / wildflowers).
11. Allotments and community growing spaces.
12. The existing Roslin Conservation Area.
13. Extension of Roslin Conservation Area.
14. New Conservation Area – Bilston.
15. New Conservation Area – Battle of Roslin and Dryden Estate.
16. New Conservation Area – Roslin Curling Pond and The Moat.

Infrastructure and facilities

17. Infrastructure deficits (roads, active travel, healthcare).
18. Leisure facilities (youth facilities).
19. Provision for outdoor facilities in Bilston.