



Questions and Answers

Thank you for taking the time to fill out our survey. Please find below a short Q&A section anticipating any queries you may have.

What is the Information Notice period?

The Information Notice period is a statutory requirement for a minimum 28-day period where local councillors and community councils adjacent to the boundary of the Local Place Plan have a chance to make representations about the draft LPP. We have taken the decision to go beyond this statutory requirement and use this period to also consult the whole community on the proposals that have been developed.

What will happen to the comments I submit?

All comments submitted as a citizen or from a community group will be read and assessed by the Steering Group who will then decide how best to modify the draft proposals before final submission.

Once validated, the final submission will be placed on a public register which everyone can access.

Regardless of any changes that the Steering Group makes in light of representations submitted through this survey, all responses submitted as part of this survey (including any comments that disagree or object to the proposals) will be submitted alongside the LPP for the planning authority to assess in full.

The final decision whether to include LPP proposals in LDP are for Local Authority to decide. This will be done as part of the process of forming the next Local Development Plan. Ultimately, it is for the Local Authority to decide up what weight to place on the representations and comments made by the community during this Information Notice period.

I commented earlier in the process with general ideas for benefitting the community, but I can't see them represented here. Where are those ideas?

Ideas and initiatives submitted during the consultation process that are otherwise suitable for inclusion in a Community Action Plan but not related to development, land or buildings (or otherwise not controlled by the planning system) have been gathered in a separate appendix. Examples might include starting a youth group, addressing litter issues, or implementing measures to control speeding none of which are controlled by the planning system.

The appendix with these ideas and initiatives will be released alongside the final plan at time of submission. We have not released that information at this stage because we would like people responding to this survey to focus their comments on proposals developed to influence the Local Development Plan.

To read more about the difference between a Local Place Plan and a Community Action Plan, please read the Overview section of the [PAS Guide to Local Place Plans](#).

What is the timeline for this statutory consultation, and for final submission?

- The Information Notice period (statutory consultation) is required to last 28 days and will run from Tuesday 13th August 2024 to Tuesday 10th September 2024.
- After reviewing all responses, we aim to submit the final report for validation by the end of September 2024.

Will development proposals in the Local Place Plan actually be delivered?

Proposals in this LPP seek planning status for potential developments that could happen between adoption of the next Local Development Plan (c.2026/7) through to adoption of next LDP (c 2036/37). Such status does not guarantee development.

Proposals for future development found in the LPP may still not be delivered even if they are included in the statutory Local Development Plan. Many other factors can influence delivery: legal ownership, feasibility, funding, wider economics, detailed design being just a few of these.

Additionally, many external factors (economics, climate change) could change over the proposed 10-year lifespan of the next East Lothian Local Development Plan.

Who makes the final decision as to whether any of these proposals are accepted into the Local Development Plan?

In law, the local planning authority has the final say as to which of the proposals submitted in a LPP are included in the Local Development Plan. The planning authority must however give an explanation of why they have made these decisions and make that publicly available.

That explanation will likely be issued alongside the draft Proposed Plan for East Lothian, when that is made public.

When will we find out whether the proposals in the Local Place Plan have been accepted for inclusion in the Local Development Plan?

When the Proposed Local Development Plan is placed before committee. The current timeframes for creating the Proposed Local Development Plan can be found on [East Lothian Council's website](#).

Will there be an opportunity to respond to the decisions made about the LPP proposals by the local planning authority?

Yes, there will be an opportunity to comment on the Proposed Plan during a 3-month consultation period that will occur once the Proposed Plan has been approved by committee.

Hang on, this document doesn't contain all the information that is required for a Local Place Plan to be validated by the Local Authority. How come?

All necessary information will be provided in this regard in the final submission to the local authority. We have not included it in this draft to reduce the amount of information that citizens need to absorb to be able to comment on the core proposals themselves.

Any remaining questions?

- If your question is still not covered, please contact Paul at PAS at the following email address: paul@pas.org.uk