



West Lothian Civic Centre, Howden South Road, Livingston, EH54 6FF



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As a subscriber to the LDP 2 Contact List you will receive periodic updates from the Development Planning & Environment team regarding the preparation of the 2nd West Lothian Local Development Plan (LDP 2).

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An Updated Local Development Plan Scheme (DPS)

We are preparing the West Lothian Local Development Plan (LDP 2) under the new local development planning regulations which came into force on 19 May 2023.

An updated **Local Development Plan Scheme** (DPS No.16) was approved at a meeting of the Council Executive on 12 March 2024. You can click [here](#) to view it.

The DPS explains what a Development Plan is. It sets out the programme for preparing, reviewing and consulting on the next LDP and it includes a **Participation Statement** which explains how the public at large can get involved in preparing the LDP.

The council is required to seek the views of the public on the content of the Participation Statement, so in October 2023 we included a consultation on this specific matter as part of a wider ranging series of online consultations related to LDP 2. The Participation Statement included as part of this DPS No.16 has therefore been informed by and has had regard to those consultation responses.

The proposed methods of engagement are also based on experience and consistent with the draft guidance on effective community engagement in development planning published by the Scottish Government in 2023.

The new updated timeline for the preparation of LDP 2 is set out below, and despite some modest amendments which have largely brought about by the introduction of new regulations and guidance, the Council still anticipates LDP 2 being adopted before the end of 2026.

Plan Preparation Stage	Expected Date (DPS No.16)	Change from DPS No.15
Evidence Report and Early engagement	Ongoing	
Council approval of Evidence Report	Q3 2024 (October to December)	Previously Q1* 2024
Submission to Scottish Ministers and 'gate check process'	Q3 2024 (October to December)	Previously Q2* 2024
Preparation of Proposed Plan and 'call for ideas'	Q4 2024 to Q3 2025 (October to December 2025)	Previously Q3* 2024
Council approval and publication of the Proposed Plan	Q3 2025 (October to December)	Previously Q2* 2025
Proposed Plan consultation period	Q3 2025 (October to December)	Previously Q2* 2025
Submission of Proposed Plan for examination	Q1 2026 (April to June)	Previously Q4* 2025
Examination	Q1 2026 (April to June) to Q2 2026 (July to September)	Previously Q4* to Q1* 2026
Adoption of LDP 2	Q3 2026 (October to December 2026)	Previously Q2* 2026

* New regulations and guidance specify the date convention to be used is fiscal year quarters. Q1 = April to June, Q2 = July to September, Q3 = October to December and Q4 = January to March. Previously the DPS has used calendar year quarters.

How you can get involved

There will be a number of opportunities to become involved in the preparation of LDP 2 and these will be clearly advertised through social media, updates on our websites and in local newspapers and notified to everyone who has subscribed to the LDP 2 Newsletter or registered to be included on our contact mailing list.

As part of the preparation of the Evidence Report we intend to carry out direct engagement with:

- Community councils and other community organisations alongside wider public engagement,
- Disabled people, children and young people; and the gypsy traveler community and other under-represented groups, and,
- Relevant stakeholders on key evidence report themes.

A schedule of engagement opportunities is set out in the table below:

Schedule of engagement events prior to submission of Evidence Report

Event	Dates	Format
Community Councils and wider public engagement including key groups	April – May 2024	In person and online events to reach a wide range of stakeholders. Evidence gathering survey
Key Agencies and other statutory stakeholders	April 2024	Workshop Evidence gathering survey
Placed based LDPs and Local Living	April 2024	Series of workshops
Housing Development and Site Selection Criteria	May 2024	Workshop / event Evidence gathering survey
Housing Need and Demand	May 2024	Workshop Evidence gathering survey
Climate Change and Biodiversity	May 2024	Workshop
Energy and Renewables	May 2024	Online session
Commercial Needs and Business Land	May 2024	Online session
Transport and Connectivity	May 2024	Online session
Play Sufficiency	May/June 2024	Consultation
Forestry and Woodland Strategy	Late 2024	Consultation

Local Place Plan Update

As a consequence of the LDP preparation dates changing between the publication of DPS No.15 and DPS No.16, we are pleased to be able to extend the Local Place Plan submission date. To ensure that LPPs are able to inform the evidence report stage of the LDP they should now be submitted for registration not later than **31 May 2024** (instead of 31 March as previously advised).

Going forward

Keep up to date with the Local Development Plan 2 progress by regularly visiting the [web page](#) and by continuing to subscribe to our contact mailing list.

If you know someone who may be interested in subscribing to the LDP 2 contact mailing list please let them know that they can do so by emailing us at wldp@westlothian.gov.uk or by completing [this form](#).

We hope you have found this latest update informative and we will continue to communicate news about LDP 2 as it progresses.

If you have any questions relating to LDP 2, the Development Planning process in general or just want to provide feedback and comments on our service, please email the Development Planning & Environment team at wldp@westlothian.gov.uk

You can also write to us at the address below.

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