

DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME
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WHAT IS A DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME?

This leaflet is a Development Plan Scheme. It sets out the programme for preparing Edinburgh's first Local Development Plan. It includes:

- an explanation of what a Local Development Plan is;
- an update of progress to date in preparing the Local Development Plan;
- an updated programme for the next steps in preparing the Local Development Plan;
- and
- a Participation Statement which sets out when and how you can get involved.

This is the Council's ninth Development Plan Scheme. It replaces one published in June 2014.

WHAT IS A DEVELOPMENT PLAN?

The planning system has an impact on everyone. Government requires Councils to prepare development plans which are the basis for decision making on planning applications. They contain a strategy for the future development of an area and set out policies and proposals to guide future development and use of land.

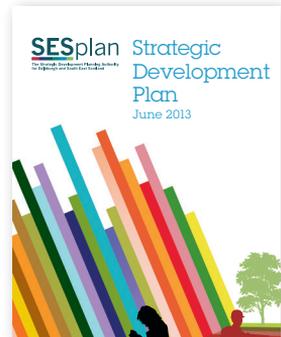
Decisions on how and where development will take place in Edinburgh are influenced by the following statutory documents:

The National Planning Framework: this sets out, at the national level, the Scottish Government's strategy for the country's spatial development, including schemes of national importance. The third NPF was published in June 2014.

A Strategic Development Plan: these are produced for Scotland's four largest city regions. They set out a long term (20 years or more) spatial planning strategy indicating in broad terms where future development will be located and what's required to deliver it. The first Strategic Development Plan for South East Scotland was approved in June 2013. It was prepared by the Strategic Development Plan Authority for Edinburgh and South East Scotland (SESplan). The six councils which are members of SESplan are Edinburgh, East Lothian, Fife, Midlothian, Scottish Borders and West Lothian. Supplementary guidance setting out increased housing land requirements was adopted in autumn 2014. The second strategic development plan is in the early stages of preparation.

A Local Development Plan: these are produced by the local planning authorities and set out more detailed policies and proposals to guide development. These plans are adopted by the planning authority and must accord with the approved Strategic Development Plan and seek to implement its requirements on a site-specific basis. When the Edinburgh Local Development Plan is adopted, it will replace two existing local plans.

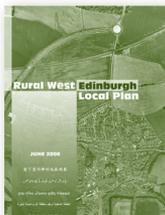
The Strategic Development Plan, together with the Local Development Plan and any associated supplementary guidance, form the statutory Development Plan.



CURRENT LOCAL PLANS IN EDINBURGH

The Edinburgh area is currently covered by two local plans:

- Edinburgh City Local Plan (ECLP), which was adopted in January 2010.
www.edinburgh.gov.uk/eclp
- Rural West Edinburgh Local Plan (RWELP), which was adopted in 2006 (alteration adopted in June 2011).
www.edinburgh.gov.uk/rwelp



The area the two plans cover is set out in Figure 1.

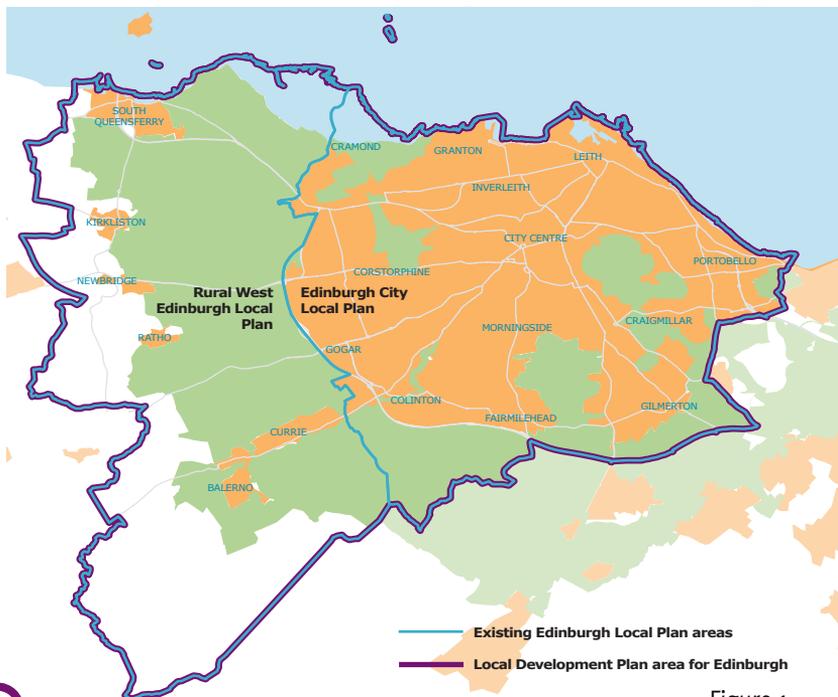


Figure 1

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Purpose

The purpose of the Local Development Plan is to:

- provide a clear basis for determining planning applications
- allocate land to meet the needs and targets set out in the Strategic Development Plan for the wider city region (the SESplan area).

Progress

Since the publication of the first Development Plan Scheme in 2009, preparation of the Local Development Plan has progressed. The Main Issues Report, accompanied by an Environmental Report and Monitoring Statement, was published in October 2011 to seek views on the policy and development options that could be included in the Local Development Plan.

At the Main Issues Report stage, we consulted a wide range of stakeholders - members of the public, Community Councils and groups, private businesses, key consultation agencies, neighbouring authorities and the Scottish Government. We used a number of different methods to make people aware of the Main Issues Report and to encourage them to get involved in the LDP process. This was the main consultation stage for the project and responses were published online in April 2012 (see www.edinburgh.gov.uk/localdevelopmentplan).

The Main Issues Report responses informed the preparation of a Proposed LDP. This was approved in March 2013 and published in May for a six week period in which formal representations could be submitted. Those representations are available online.

Since preparation of the Proposed LDP the Strategic Development Plan was approved by Scottish Ministers with changes. These included a larger housing land requirement and greater scope for large housing sites *cont.pg 7*



What we did at Main Issues Report (MIR) (2011-12) stage :

- Provided paper copies of the MIR, Monitoring Statement and Environmental Report at all public libraries and the Council planning office.
- Used the Council website to post the documents, details of consultation events and other supporting information.
- Staffed exhibitions at shopping centres across the city, Telford College, Edinburgh Royal Infirmary to share information.
- West Edinburgh – awareness raising event aimed at local residents in November followed by a housing sites workshop in January.
- South East Edinburgh – two community consultation events one in November and one in January. Awareness raising, sharing information and discussion.
- Leith - consultation workshop involving local community and other stakeholders.
- Edinburgh Youth Issues Forum – presentation and discussion groups.
- Attended meeting of Edinburgh Civic Forum and individual community council/neighbourhood partnership meetings on request.
- Met with Key Agencies, Scottish Government and developer/landowners of housing site options.
- Used Twitter to provide regular updates and raise awareness of consultation events.
- Statutory advert and articles in Evening News and Planning Newsletter.

What we did at the first Proposed Plan stage (2013):

At this stage we carried out the same process as was then followed for the Second Proposed Plan as set out opposite.



What we did at the Second Proposed Plan stage (2014):

- Provided paper copies of the Second Proposed Plan and supporting documents to community councils and groups and placed in public libraries and the Council's Planning Reception. Supporting documents include Schedule of Consultation Responses, Proposed Action Programme, Revised Environmental Report, Habitats Regulation Assessment, Transport Appraisal, Education Appraisal and Equalities & Rights Impact Assessment.
- All documents were provided online along with details of drop-in events.
- Notified all those who submitted responses to the MIR & the first Proposed Plan and others on our mailing list about the Second Proposed Plan.

- Notified people living close to new proposal sites in the way required by legislation.
- Ran drop-in sessions to help the public understand the Proposed LDP and how they could make representations if they wished. These included:

South East Edinburgh

Faith Mission Hall, Gilmerton, and Kings Manor Hotel, Milton Road.

West Edinburgh

Rosebery Hall, Queensferry, Drumrae Library Hub and Gibson Craig Hall, Currie.

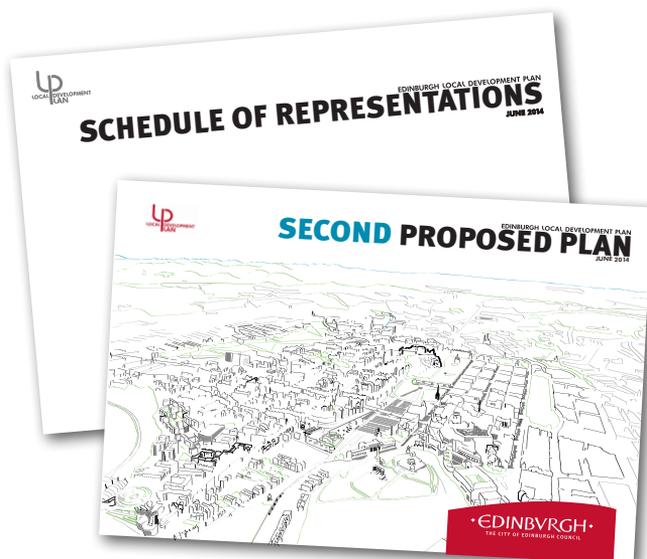
General session, Urban Room, Waverley Court, East Market Street.

- Preparation of a Form for Representations along with a guidance note to aid completion and a summary sheet of key issues in each Neighbourhood Partnership Area.
- Use of Twitter to provide updates and raise awareness of consultation events.
- Statutory advert in Evening News.



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outwith the main development areas. As a result SESplan prepared supplementary guidance setting out how much housing land needed to be provided by each Local Development Plan. The changes meant that the LDP needed to provide more housing land. Doing so changed the spatial strategy of the LDP which meant that a new Second Proposed Plan had to be prepared. This Second LDP, informed by responses received on the first Proposed LDP, was approved in June 2014 and published in August for a six week period where formal representations could be submitted. Representations were received from 2,500 individuals and organisations during this period and these have been made available online.



Timetable

The Second Proposed LDP, accompanied by a summary of unresolved representations, has been approved for submission to Scottish Ministers with a request for them to appoint a reporter to undertake an examination. Thereafter Scottish Ministers will commence an examination of the Plan. The examination is to independently test the issues arising from the unresolved representations made on the Second Proposed LDP. It will focus on the issues raised rather than every individual representation. A report from the examination is expected within 6 to 9 months of submission.

Strategic Development Plan (SDP)

The key stages in the first SDP and its supplementary guidance process are:

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2011	PUBLISHED PROPOSED SDP AND RECEIVED REPRESENTATIONS
JANUARY - JUNE 2012	CONSIDERED REPRESENTATIONS AND PREPARED SESPLAN RESPONSE (SCHEDULE 4 FORMS)
AUGUST 2012	SUBMITTED PROPOSED SDP TO SCOTTISH MINISTERS
OCTOBER 2012	EXAMINATION STARTED
APRIL 2013	REPORT OF EXAMINATION PUBLISHED
JUNE 2013	APPROVAL OF SDP BY SCOTTISH MINISTERS
NOVEMBER 2013	DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE PUBLISHED FOR CONSULTATION
MARCH 2014	FINALISED SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE APPROVED BY SESPLAN JOINT COMMITTEE
MAY 2014	FINALISED SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE SUBMITTED TO MINISTERS
OCTOBER 2014	SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE ADOPTED BY SESPLAN
MAY 2015	PUBLICATION OF STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2 MAIN ISSUES REPORT
JULY - SEPTEMBER 2015	CONSULTATION ON MAIN ISSUES REPORT

Local Development Plan (LDP)

The timetable for the process is set out in the following table.

TIMETABLE FOR MAY 2015 DPS	STAGE
OCTOBER 2011 - JANUARY 2012	CONSULTATION ON MAIN ISSUES REPORT
MARCH 2013	REPORT FIRST PROPOSED PLAN
MAY - JUNE 2013	PERIOD FOR REPRESENTATIONS
OCTOBER 2013	PUBLISHED REPRESENTATIONS & NEW DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME
JUNE 2014	REPORT SECOND PROPOSED PLAN
AUGUST - OCTOBER 2014	PERIOD FOR REPRESENTATIONS
MAY 2015	REPORT REPRESENTATIONS
MAY 2015	SUBMIT PLAN & SCHEDULES TO SCOTTISH MINISTERS
NOVEMBER 2015*	REPORT OF EXAMINATION
APRIL 2016*	ADOPTION

*Timescales are based on target examination time of 6-9 months and guidance on post-examination timescales.

PARTICIPATION STATEMENT

The following section sets out how we intend to engage with the public and other stakeholders in the Local Development Plan process.

- Everyone who submitted responses to the Second Proposed LDP, the Proposed LDP or the Main Issues Report will be notified that the LDP has been submitted to Scottish Ministers and that they have appointed reporters.
- A copy of the submitted plan will be available for inspection at all public libraries and the Council planning office.
- A summary of unresolved representations will be provided online.
- While the Proposed Plan is being considered by Scottish Ministers the Council's website will be kept up-to-date. Information about the current stage of an examination is also available from the Scottish Government at <http://www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk>
- Await the report of examination in 6 to 9 months, and potentially respond to any requests for further information or hearing session(s) from the reporter.
- On receipt of the report, make any modifications it recommends (which are largely binding on the Council) and notify all those who made representations to the Second Proposed Plan.

We will then adopt the LDP in that modified form.

CONTACT

To find out more about community engagement in the LDP project:

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Add yourself to the LDP mailing list (*if you submitted comments at the Main Issues Report stage or representations to the first or Second Proposed Plan you will already be on our list*)

localdevelopmentplan@edinburgh.gov.uk

or contact Marius Hince, Project Support Officer on 0131 529 4692

Questions about the content of current local plans or the LDP:

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WANT TO GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK?

We would like to know what you think of the Development Plan Scheme. You can complete this form online using the DPS Feedback Form link on www.edinburgh.gov.uk/localdevelopmentplan

	please circle	
Did you read the whole document?	yes	no
Did you think the document was easy to understand?	yes	no
Did you find the information useful?	yes	no
Do you think the consultation methods suggested will be useful?	yes	no
Please provide further comments on any of the above answers.		

If you would like to be kept informed of the progress on the project, please fill in your details and return to us.

Name

Address

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Postcode

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E-mail

The Development Plan Scheme will be formally updated at least annually and will be available on our website at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/localdevelopmentplan

FEEDBACK

Please return completed form (free of charge) to:

Freepost RSJS-UBAT-GHYL

Development Plan Scheme Survey

Mailpoint G3

City of Edinburgh Council Waverley Court

4 East Market Street

Edinburgh

EH8 8BG

Or download the DPS online at

www.edinburgh.gov.uk/localdevelopmentplan





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