



OBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Oban Place Plan

Oban Community Action Plan

What is place?

- Where we spend our time has an important effect on our lives & wellbeing. Improving the quality of places & the facilities we have access to can help to tackle inequalities.



- Place is where people, location & resources combine to create a sense of identity & purpose. It plays a crucial role in addressing the needs & identifying the full potential of our community.

What is placemaking?

Place making asks all the service providers and those who look after town assets to work & plan together, with the local community to improve the lives of all Obanites, and to support inclusive & sustainable economic growth.



What is a Local Place Plan?

Local Place Plans (LPPs) offer communities the opportunity to express their aspirations and ambitions for future change. They focus on the community's proposals for the development and use of land and provide a new opportunity for communities to feed into the planning system with ideas and proposals.

Once registered, an LPP must be considered by Council when preparing the next Local Development Plan (LDP).



What is a Local Place Plan?

Examples of things that could be proposed in LPPs include:

- sites for housing, including for affordable housing, new or retained local employment or new tourism/community facilities
- retaining, improving, and expanding quality open space and green/blue infrastructure and play facilities
- sites which support climate change adaptation, such as renewable energy or flood mitigation
- local initiatives for the promotion of active travel and community food growing
- conservation of the natural/built environment
- improvements in the town/neighbourhood centre



How to make a Local Place Plan

An LPP will be lead by a community anchor, in this case Oban Community Council.

It is essential that

- town partners are actively involved - a diverse steering group
- as much of the community as possible are involved/consulted
- Carry out a range of outreach activities to hear opinions on a specific topic. These events will highlight the importance of everyone's contribution to the wider town picture & start them thinking about what that might look like for them. These will be fun & engaging 'hands-on' events & will be essential for reaching out to a broad spectrum of the community & will point people towards a shop front where the bigger conversations will take place.



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A shop front is planned and this will be a welcoming space with drop in hours where existing plans of the Council & other major land holders/service providers will be displayed in a very visual & engaging way.

We believe this is an essential aspect to foster consideration of the town, its facilities & environment as a whole.



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Creating an LPP is not a small undertaking; it's essential that partners come together to enable a high degree of consultation within a community the size of Oban.

Given the scale of consultation required for an LPP, it makes sense to widen the conversation to include other issues the town is facing & provide a complete picture that can be used to create a **Community Action Plan (CAP)**.

A community action plan becomes a framework for implementing the activities that are decided by the community itself & provide a solid evidence base for future funding applications.



Cost

It's estimated that the combined cost of these plans will be around £35k.

The funding includes the write up of the documents which must be done by a consultant & in accordance with the Planning Act (Scotland) & National Planning Framework. To pay for rent and the dressing of a shop front and outreach/consultation events.

Funding applications have already been submitted with others in the pipeline.



How you can help

If you think you might like to join the steering group helping to determine the best way to reach out to the community we'd love to hear from you.

If you'd like to help fundraise, act as a PR manager, or
Please get in touch!

Request partners provide a short description of who you are & what you do so these can be displayed in the shop front, helping to create a holistic image of the town.

Reach out to other Community Councils to ensure a cohesive area plan.



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