

Local Development Plan 2 Newsletter January 2022



[Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan 2](#)

The progress towards adoption of the Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2) has been ongoing. We are pleased to announce that the proposed plan and all unresolved representations have now been submitted to the Scottish Government for Examination.

The Examination is an important part of the Local Development Plan process. It is the primary independent vehicle for considering unresolved issues arising through the Proposed Local Development Plan's consultation phase. Scottish Ministers will now appoint a Reporter to conduct the Examination into the issues you have raised. Following this, an advert will be placed in local papers and notices in local libraries giving information about the Examination. Direct notification will also be sent to those who have made unresolved representations. The Planning and Environmental Appeals (DPEA) [web site](#) will host the Examination documents.

The Examination process typically takes around 9 months. The indicative timescale for the completion of Examination is October 2022, with an anticipated date for Adoption of LDP2 in January 2023. An Action Programme setting out how we will achieve the goals and visions set out in the LDP2 will be published within 3 months of adoption of the new plan.

The Scottish Government has produced a useful [guidance note](#) for those who have submitted representations as part of the Local Development Plan process. Please note you do not need to take any action when the proposed plan is submitted for Examination to DPEA. Your representation is your evidence and the planning authority has forwarded all unresolved representations to the DPEA to be taken into account during the Examination.

Thank you for all your representations as these have helped us in the preparation of LDP2. The Reporter only requires to assess "*unresolved representations*". Other representations include:

- representations of support - these gave us positive feedback and may be used where objections were received on the same matter;
- representation on minor matters – these include matters such as spelling mistakes and can be dealt with by the planning authority as non-notifiable modifications to improve the plan;
- representations on non development plan issues – these raised issues outwith the remit of the development plan process;
- withdrawn representations – these have been removed from the process by the representee.

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[National Planning Framework 4](#)

The National Planning Framework is a long-term plan for Scotland. The Fourth National Planning Framework (NPF4) will set out plans to achieve a net-zero Scotland by 2045. A key change is that the NPF4 will incorporate Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) and be part of the Statutory Development Plan. The draft NPF4 sets out spatial principles for Scotland of: compact growth; local living; balanced development; conserving and recycling assets; urban and rural synergy; and just transition.

Argyll and Bute Council has contributed to the preparation of NPF4 through an [Indicative Regional Spatial Strategy \(iRSS\)](#) which highlights a range of issues and projects of particular relevance to the area.

The Scottish Government published the draft for consultation on 10th November 2021 with responses due by 31st March 2022. The adoption of NPF4 is anticipated in summer 2022. The latest information on NPF4 can be found at the Scottish Government's [Transforming Planning website](#).

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