Proposed Local Development Plan 2

Publication of the new Proposed Local Development Plan 2 (PLPD2) is targeted for the spring of 2019. The Proposed Plan will become the ‘settled view’ of the Council once approved by committee.

We will consult on the Proposed Plan during the spring/summer of 2019. Any valid objections will need to go to an Examination. Reporters will be appointed by the Scottish Government to undertake this Examination. The Reporter’s will make recommendations for change that are binding on the Council. Once these changes are made the Local Development Plan 2 can be formally adopted.

You can keep up to date, access information on the Local Development Plan and contact the Argyll and Bute Council Local Development Plan Team as set out below.

Follow Local Development Plan progress @ www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/ldp2
And on Twitter at: @ABC_Planning

Any Questions: email: ldp@argyll-bute.gov.uk Tel: 01546 604158

CANN Project

This is an £8.4million pound transnational project called Collaborative Action for the Natural Environment. It has 11 partners from Scotland, Northern and Southern Ireland.

CANN is funded through the EU’s INTERREG VA Programme until 2022. The CANN partnership is led by Newry, Mourne & Down District Council and the other partners are Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute, Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council, East Border Region, Golden Eagle Trust, The Institute of Technology, Sligo, Monaghan County Council, Scottish Natural Heritage, Ulster University and Ulster Wildlife.

The aim of the project is to control Invasive Non-Native Species, restore peats, remove inappropriate planting and agree new planting schemes and liaise with landowners about Deer Control.

So far 6 claims have been submitted to help carry out works. In Argyll and Bute, Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust are a partner in delivering this transnational project. There is support from all the landowners on the Rinns of Islay. A resurvey of habitat has been completed for ornithological interest and mammals. Training in Rhododendron Ponticum control and replanting tenders have been approved.
Barcaldine- Scottish Sea Farms

This is a major £35 million hatchery development. The scale, nature and location mean that a Construction Environment Management Plan is needed. Our Biodiversity Officer is working closely with the company on this plan.

Reporting Path Obstructions - Access issue reporting form

The Access Manager with the support of the Council’s Geographic Information System team has developed an online form to allow the public to record blocked and obstructed paths quickly and easily. The system automatically acknowledges the receipt of reports and has helped to speed up the department’s work. It can be found here: www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/outdoor-access-argyll-and-bute

GIS Data

LDP GIS data, as well as other council GIS data, can now be downloaded as ‘Open Data’ from the Council’s Open Data Portal. The planning category can be used to find a list of the LDP data available. Other data available includes Core Paths, the Woodland and Forestry Strategy and boundaries such Community Councils, Polling Districts and School Catchment Areas. LDP2 data will be added when the Plan is adopted.

https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/content/gis-open-data

New Guidance Proposed for Houses in Multiple Occupation

We have prepared a draft Technical Note to provide clear guidance for the application process for Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO). An HMO is a dwelling in which several different households are living and sharing facilities such as a kitchen or bathroom. An HMO may require a license or planning permission or both. The Technical Note will help support the delivery of high quality HMO accommodation in appropriate locations. It will also help prevent the creation or intensification of concentration of HMOs in particular areas where they could adversely impact on amenity value for communities. This is part of a coordinated approach by Environmental Health, Building Standards and Planning. The draft Technical Note will be published for consultation in the New Year. When finalised and adopted the Technical Note will be non-statutory planning guidance for use in the determination of HMO applications.