

Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan (LDP) News

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Introduction

Welcome to our first newsletter concerning the review of the Local Development Plan (LDP).

The Development Planning system has now been reformed by the Scottish Government as a result of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006. Details of all the changes under modernising the Planning System are on the government's website at www.scotland.gov.uk.

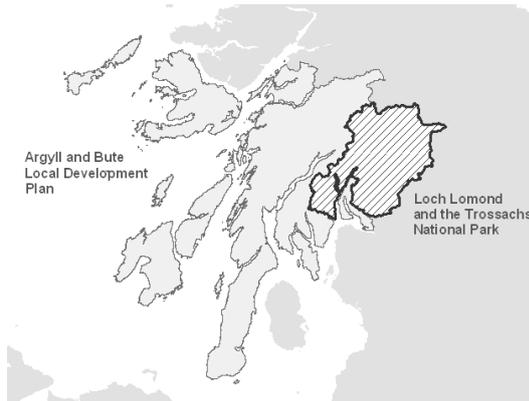
In taking forward the requirements of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006, Argyll and Bute Council intend to produce a new Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan (LDP) to replace the existing Structure and Local Plan.

The LDP will continue to contain statements of **land use planning policy** and proposal maps for where employment, housing, retail and business developments should take place. It should be noted however that the area covered by the LDP is smaller than the Argyll and Bute Council area, as it excludes The Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park which has its own draft local plan.

The Argyll and Bute LDP process has therefore begun and this newsletter, which will be published on a quarterly basis, aims to keep members of the public, potential developers, landowners and their agents up to date

with the LDP's progress and inform everyone how, when and where to get involved. More information can be found on our web site at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/ldp.

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Special points of interest:

- **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW IS NOW UNDERWAY**
- **THE DEADLINE FOR THE INITIAL CONSULTATION PROCESS IS 31 MARCH 2010**
- **THE COUNCIL HAS PUBLISHED A REVISED DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME**

Public Consultation Now Underway

A key part of the plan making process is early engagement with the key stakeholders. This process is now underway with a twin track consultation exercise aimed at representatives of the development industry and local communities. The first of these relates to an on line questionnaire that looks at the success or otherwise of the current local plan and what are the priorities for local

communities in the emerging LDP. The questionnaire can be found at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/ldp

The findings of this questionnaire will help provide the base data for a series of workshops to be held in May 2010 with key stakeholders including community council representatives. The second exercise relates to a "future potential development sites" form for possible

new development sites. Without effective sites the LDP cannot deliver the necessary number of new homes or land for new businesses to be located. Land owners and potential developers are asked to visit the link at <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/content/planning/developmentpolicy/>

to download the form and send it back to the contact details listed on page 2. The closing date for both of these consultations is the **31st of March 2010**.

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Related Information

- Council Sustainable Design Guides have been short-listed for Scottish Government Planning Award - <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/content/planning/developmentprojects/designguide/>
- Loch Fyne ICZM was approved in December 2009 by the Council - <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/content/planning/developmentprojects/marineandcoastaldevunit/ICZM2/3257614/>
- Draft Argyll and Bute Woodland and Forest Strategy is out for public consultation from the 1 February to the 19 March 2010 - <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/content/planning/developmentpolicy/3271669/>
- The On Line Local Development Plan programme is progressing. This will allow for an interactive version of the Local Development Plan to be published on the internet. Further information on this programme can be found at <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/content/planning/eplanning/onlinelocalplan>

The Scottish Government have defined who the Key Agencies in terms of the Local Development Plan are:

- Scottish Natural Heritage;
- Scottish Environment Protection Agency;
- Scottish Water;
- Scottish Enterprise;
- Highlands and Islands Enterprise;
- Regional Transport Partnership;
- Crofters Commission;
- Health Boards;
- Historic Scotland; }
- Transport Scotland } Key Scottish Government Contacts
- The Forestry Commission }

Further information on the LDP process can be found in Planning Circular 1 2009: Development Planning on the Scottish Government

<http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/ldp>

Development Plan Scheme Revised

The Council's Executive Committee approved the revision of the Development Plan Scheme (DPS) at its meeting in January. The DPS is a statutory required document that is designed to inform everyone who is interested in getting involved in the Local Development Plan process from now until mid 2013. The Government requires this document to be updated at least on a yearly basis. The key stages of the new plan process have been identified, including all periods of formal public consultation. This has been done in an effort to make the whole process more

transparent, accountable and efficient in accordance with the requirements of the new 2006 Planning Act. The DPS also contains the Council's public participation statement that outlines the minimum level of engagement that members of the public can expect as the plan progresses.

In the next few months an Action Plan will also be published together with a Monitoring Report on the outputs and achievements of the current adopted Structure and Local Plan for Argyll and Bute. This information will also help inform future debates that will identify the main land

use issues facing our various communities in the years ahead. The DPS can be found on the Council's web site at

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and all public libraries; Kilmory; Bowmore; Islay and Tobermory, Mull Council Offices; Service Centres at Crossapol, Tiree; Craighouse, Jura and Scalasaig, Colonsay; Arinagour, Coll; Achnacloch, Lismore and Ardmish, Gigha Post Offices.

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