

Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan (LDP) News

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First Round of public Consultation Completed

We would like to thank everybody who took the time to respond to our two early consultations on the new Local Development Plan (LDP) that finished on the 31st of March 2010.

There were over 200 responses from individuals and organizations such as community councils, development trusts and key agencies.

All these responses are currently being carefully analyzed and entered into a new database that will

form part of the evidence base for the emerging LDP. The initial findings will also be used to inform the debates being currently heard at the planning workshops in May and early June.

Initial analysis has revealed that the five main issues of concern are infrastructure, housing including affordable housing, the economy, natural environment and renewables.

In addition to the consultation aimed at the local community 150

expressions of interest were also registered for potential new development sites to be possibly included in the LDP.

Discussions will be held in the near future with the agents, landowners and in some cases community groups who submitted these new sites on the forms provided. Each potential site will be closely examined for its suitability for inclusion within the LDP.

Special points of interest:

- First round of public consultations now completed
- May and June planning workshops underway
- Current Development Plan Action Plan and Monitoring Statement published on June the 3rd 2010

Planning Workshops Now Underway

A series of planning workshops are now underway that will help determine the main issues and areas of change affecting Argyll and Bute.

The seminars are attended by invited representatives from a cross section of the community including local councilors, chairs of community councils, key council and public agency officials, business and voluntary sector representatives

The dates of the workshops are as follows:

MAKI — 20th May
Bute and Cowal — 24th May
Helensburgh and Lomond — 27th May
Strategic Issues — 7th June
Lorn and the Isles — 10th June



All the findings of the workshops will be published in due course and help inform the content of the Main Issues Report (MIR) that is scheduled to be published in December 2010. A number of smaller meetings will be also be held on islands such as Tiree, Islay and Jura in an effort to capture their particular issues of concern.

Local representatives discuss planning issues at the MAKI workshop Held at the Tarbert Hall

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Related Information

- The Council Sustainable Design Guides have won a Government Planning Award - <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/content/planning/developmentprojects/designguide/>
- Helensburgh, Rhu, Shandon and Cardross Greenbelt Landscape study approved - <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/content/planning/>
- 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 2010 Development Plan Scheme which describes the Local Development Plan process can be found at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/ldp

Did You know the Scottish Government have set the following targets in relation to renewable energy?

That 20% of total energy demand will be met from renewables through the following actions by 2020:-

- 50% of electricity demand from renewables
- 11% of heat demand from renewables
- 10% of transport fuel from renewables

The new LDP is required to help meet these targets.

“ the offshore energy industry could generate the same amount of electricity a year by 2050 as one billion barrels of oil” Offshore Valuation Group

Further information on the LDP process can be found in Planning Circular 1 2009: Development Planning on the Scottish Government website at www.scotland.gov.uk.

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

Action Plan and Monitoring Report approved at June Executive Committee

The Council's Executive Committee has approved the current Local Plan's Action Plan and Monitoring Report at its meeting on the 2nd of June 2010.

This document describes what progress the Council and its partners have made with achieving the various aims and priorities as set out in the existing Development Plan (Structure and Local Plan).

Overall substantial progress has been made in many areas but the recession and

accompanying budget cuts has had a major impact on the level on the number of buildings being constructed. This of course has



implications for the local building industry so it is hoped that the housing market will start to recover as soon as possible.

Another key function of this document is to help form part of the evidence base now required for the preparation of the new Local Development Plan (LDP) that is scheduled to replace the existing Development Plan by mid 2013. The Action Plan and Monitoring Report can be read in full at

www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/ldp

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