

Stage 2 Evidence Gathering and Consultation

A. Title of Proposal:	Scottish Borders Council Local Development Plan 2023
B. Service Area: Department:	Planning Policy & GIS
C. Lead Officer: (Name and job title)	Deborah Armstrong, Lead Officer, Planning Policy & GIS
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E. Date(s) IIA completed:	06 September 2023

Section 1 Data and Information

A. What evidence has been used to inform this proposal?

(Information can include, for example, surveys, databases, focus groups, in-depth interviews, pilot projects, reviews of complaints made, user feedback, academic publications and consultants' reports).

Please state your answer here

Housing Needs and Demand Assessment
Social Housing Investment Programme
Economic Strategy
Community Planning Partnership
Monitoring Statement
Main Issues Report

B. Describe any gaps in the available evidence,-then record this within the improvement plan together with all of the actions you are taking in relation to this (e.g. new research, further analysis, and when this is planned)

Please state your answer here

It is inherent to the Local Development Plan process - particularly further to the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 - that we continue to monitor and review our LDP, as well as our local authority's housing land supply requirements, and our environmental, housing, transportation, energy and business needs etc., considering the implications of all of this for development and land use within our region. All of this feeds into an ongoing process of monitoring and review, which will ultimately culminate in the next again Local Development Plan.

Section 2 Consultation and Involvement

A. Which groups are involved in this process and describe their involvement

Please state your answer here

Through consultation responses received in response to the Main Issues Report, the following have been involved in the Local Development Plan process, specifically by taking the opportunity to provide feedback, which has informed the production of the Local Development Plan: the general public; Community Councils and other community representative organisations; statutory consultees including Local Authority Departments; central government and national government agencies (e.g. SEPA; NatureScot; HES; Transport Scotland etc.); house builders and their representative organisations; businesses and their representative organisations; service providers including Registered Social

Landlords; groups and organisations with particular interests in cultural heritage and natural heritage interests (e.g. Civic Societies and Scottish Badgers).

B. Describe any planned involvement saying when this will take place and who is responsible for managing the process

Please state your answer here

A Period of Representation was held over a defined 12 week period (02 November 2020 to 25 January 2021). This was managed by the Lead Officer with the Plans and Research Team, which was carried out online, due to Covid-19 restrictions, which were then in place.

C. Describe the results of any involvement and how you have taken this into account.

Please state your answer here

Please see Appendix 4 of the proposed LDP2 which sets out in detail, the publicity and consultation exercises which were undertaken by the Planning Policy team throughout the local development planning process, and how these have informed the preparation of the proposed LDP2 in its current form.

D. Describe any events held and views obtained (if applicable). Add or remove as needed.

Event 1

Date	Venue	Number of People in attendance	Protected Characteristics Represented

Views Expressed	Officer Response

Stage 3 Summary and Next Steps

Section 1 Summary

Summarise what you have learned then develop this further.

(Describe the conclusion(s) you have reached from the evidence, and state where the information can be found.)

Please consider the following:

What have you learned from the evidence you have and the involvement undertaken? Does the initial assessment remain valid?

What new (if any) impacts have become evident?

Is the proposal not to proceed because of a disproportionate impact on equality or Fairer Scotland characteristics?

Please state your answer here

The consultation process was altered to take account of the then ongoing Covid-19 pandemic situation, principally in being delivered and conducted in an online format. This included the presentation of information to the public, and the facility for the public to submit consultation responses and enquiries through dedicated web-pages.

A. Please indicate if the proposal will proceed

- Yes, please see below section 3 for next steps
- No, the proposal will not proceed based on disproportionate impact on equality or Fairer Scotland characteristics

Section 2 Sign Off

Signed by Lead Officer:

Deborah Armstrong

Designation:	Lead Officer (Planning Policy & GIS)
Date:	06/9/23
Counter Signature Director:	John Curry, Director – Infrastructure & Environment
Date:	12-9-23

Section 3 Monitoring and Review (complete if relevant, remove if not)

- B. State how the implementation and impact of the proposal will be monitored, including implementation of any amendments? For example what type of monitoring will there be? How frequent?**

Please state your answer here

Planning authorities are required by law to prepare an LDP for all parts of their district. LDPs must be prepared at intervals of no more than 10 years or when required by the Scottish Ministers. Planning authorities must keep the plan under review and in doing so, monitor changes in a range of characteristics set out in legislation. They must also monitor the impact of policies and proposals contained in LDPs.

The arrangements for monitoring and reviewing within the preparation of the Local Development Plan, are set at the national (Scottish Government) level, and in our local authority area, are to be carried out by SBC's Planning Policy section.

At the national level, it is currently intended that all local planning authorities should have produced a new LDP (a successor to the current PLDP) within the next five years. Thereafter, as noted above, the local development plan cycle is intended to operate on a ten-yearly basis. Public consultation is integral to the process, and there are statutory requirements that public consultation is carried out at specific pre-determined stages within the local development plan process.

- C. What are the practical arrangements for monitoring? For example who will put this in place? When will it start?**

Please state your answer here

Please see response to the previous question.

- D. When is the proposal due for review?**

Please state your answer here

Please see response to the previous question.

E. Who is responsible for ensuring that this happens?

Please state your answer here

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F. Please indicate if you have developed an Action Plan to take forward any remaining actions

- Yes, please see attached on final page
- No, no further actions required

Section 4 Action Plan (complete if relevant, remove if not)

Action Owner Name:	Action Date:
What is the issue?	
What action will be taken?	
Progress against the action:	
Action completed:	Date completed: