

Peebles Placemaking Team c/o Peebles Community Trust The School Brae Hub School Brae Peebles EH45 8AT

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Dear Councillors

I am contacting you on behalf of Peebles Placemaking Team. Our local community has prepared a proposed Local Place Plan for Peebles – "A Plan for Peebles 2024-2034". The Place Plan comprises two components – the main report and an appendix. These are available to view and download at <u>https://ccrbpeebles.co.uk/Place/</u>. This email serves two purposes – to inform you of the proposed Place Plan, and to provide you with the opportunity to comment on what is a draft document before it is formally submitted to the Council as our Place Plan.

As a part of this process, we are legally required to send each local authority Councillor for our Local Place Plan area (which lies in the Wards of East and West Tweeddale) the information below, to comply with Section 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Place Plans) (Scotland) Regulations 2021. This email constitutes the 'Information Notice' to local Councillors required by those Regulations.

The proposed Local Place Plan covers the settlement of Peebles. It captures the aspirations and priorities of the people of Peebles in maintaining and further developing the settlement as a sustainable, resilient and fair community.

The purpose of our proposed Local Place Plan is to:

- directly address inequality, looking at opportunities to improve social cohesion
- provide housing and local job opportunities for everyone, to maintain and increase the number of people living in the town
- support the mental and physical wellbeing of the local community
- improve community capacity to direct and manage change.

It includes a programme of initiatives under four core themes – Sustainable Growth, Getting Around, Open for Business, A Fair Community. It aligns with national, regional and local strategies and plans including the Scottish Borders LDP2 adopted on 22 August 2024, the Scottish Borders Community Plan, and the South of Scotland Regional Economic Strategy, and is framed in such a way as to help inform and guide local and regional development planning in the years ahead.

Further supporting information is available in the companion document the "Peebles Town Action Plan 2024-2034" also available to view and download at <u>https://ccrbpeebles.co.uk/Place/</u>.

We are sending a similar Information Notice to the Royal Burgh of Peebles and District Community Council – the Community Council for the Local Place Plan area – and to the five Community Councils abutting this area, as required by the Local Place Plan Regulations.

Please let us know if you have any queries.

Kind regards



on behalf of the Peebles Placemaking Team

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