

QUESTIONNAIRE

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2 – YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO GET INVOLVED

Local Development Plan Preparation

Scottish Borders Council has a statutory duty to produce a Local Development Plan (LDP). In essence an LDP identifies a number of land allocations and policies for a wide range of subjects. LDP's are prepared on a five year cycle and the next one SBC will produce is proposed to be adopted in 2021.

The Main Issues Report (MIR) is a frontrunner to the LDP and seeks to identify a range of planning issues which the LDP should address. The MIR seeks to include public opinion on a wide range of key planning issues. The key issues will ultimately be fed into the proposed LDP.

Community Engagement is an important part of the process and it is vital that issues are identified at this early stage in order that they can be fully considered as the process develops. This is therefore an opportunity for any interested party to submit comments to help shape your town, community, economy and environment.

What is the purpose of the Main Issues Report?

- To stimulate debate and discussion on the proposed approach
- Consider alternatives for development and land use within the Scottish Borders
- Provide an opportunity for the wider public to get involved and comment

How do I get involved in the process?

This questionnaire is intended to provide you with an early opportunity to input into the publication of the Main Issues Report. We would like your views on what you consider are the main issues in terms of policy and land use within the Scottish Borders.

Further details on the process and timescales for preparing the LDP are available to view at www.scotborders.gov.uk/ldp2.

This questionnaire must be returned by 27th October 2017.

Section 1: Contact Details

Please fill in your details below so that we are able to keep you up to date with the progress of the Scottish Borders Local Development Plan.

Contact Details	
Title	
First Name	
Surname	
House name and/or number	
Address	
Town/City	
Post Code	
Telephone Number	
Email Address	

Section 2: Key Topics

Please mark what you consider to be the most important key priorities for the Scottish Borders from the list below rating them from 1 – 5, with 1 being the top priority.	
Creating a sense of place (e.g: strong identity and character that is felt by locals and visitors) and community spirit	
Provision of community facilities (recreation and leisure)	
Promoting the Scottish Borders as a tourist destination	
Sustainable retail and shopping provisions	
Creation and retention of employment opportunities	
Availability of broadband	
Adequate provision of infrastructure (water supply and foul drainage)	
Addressing flooding concerns	
Improvements and provision of new roads and transport networks	
Development of appropriate sustainable renewable energy developments	
Provision of affordable housing	
Provision of housing	
Ensuring good design in new development	
Preservation and enhancement of the built heritage (conservation areas, archaeological sites and listed buildings)	
Protection and enhancement of the natural environment	
Safeguard and enhancement of local biodiversity	
Other (please expand below)	

If you ticked 'Other', please expand:
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Section 3: Land Use Issues

1. Housing Provision (tick the box that you most agree with)	
More land should be allocated for housing	
There is sufficient land allocated for housing	
There is too much land allocated for housing	

2. Affordable Housing Provision (tick the box that you most agree with)	
More affordable housing should be provided	
There is sufficient affordable housing	
There is too much affordable housing	

3. Business and Industrial Opportunities (tick the box that you most agree with)	
More office/industrial land should be allocated	
The development of offices/industrial buildings should carry on at the same rate	
There is too much office/industrial land allocated at present	

4. Sustainable Retail and Shopping Provisions (to what extent do you agree with the statements)					
	Strongly Agree	Agree	No View	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The variety of shops available is satisfactory					
Shops are well located within settlements					
Local town centres are vibrant and prosperous					
There is a requirement for more supermarkets within settlements					

5. Community Facilities and Sense of Place (to what extent do you agree with the statements)					
	Strongly Agree	Agree	No view	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
There are sufficient community facilities					
Community facilities are in appropriate locations					
There is a strong sense of place within the area					
There is a strong sense of community spirit in the area					

6. Promoting the Scottish Borders as a tourist destination (to what extent do you agree with the statements)					
	Strongly Agree	Agree	No View	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
There are sufficient tourist attractions within the Scottish Borders					
The Council is doing enough to promote the area as a tourist destination					

7. Infrastructure, Flooding and Renewable Energy (to what extent do you agree with the statements)					
	Strongly Agree	Agree	No View	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The Council has adequate measures in place to deal with flood risk					
Infrastructure (water supply and foul drainage) is satisfactory					
Roads and transport networks are satisfactory and regularly maintained					
The Council is doing enough to encourage development of renewable technologies in a sustainable manner					
The Council gives sufficient weight to the protection of the environment and landscape when dealing with renewable energy proposals					

8. Natural Environment and Biodiversity (to what extent do you agree with the statements)					
	Strongly Agree	Agree	No View	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The Council is doing enough to protect wildlife and habitats from development					
The Council is doing enough to protect open spaces and parks from development					
The Council is doing enough to protect the natural environment					

9. Design and Built Heritage (to what extent do you agree with the statements)					
	Strongly Agree	Agree	No View	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
New development continues to satisfactorily demonstrate a high standard of design					
The promotion of high quality design for new buildings should be a key priority					
The Council is doing enough to protect and enhance conservation areas					
The Council is doing enough to protect and enhance listed buildings					
The Council is doing enough to protect and enhance the built heritage of the area					
The Council is doing enough to promote regeneration within settlements					

10. Please state below any additional points that have not already been covered or any further points you'd like to raise (please append a separate sheet if necessary):

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Please return completed forms to:

Scottish Borders Council, Forward Planning Team, Council Headquarters,
Newtown St. Boswells, Melrose, TD6 0SA

Or email to: localplan@scotborders.gov.uk