

## Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA)

### Part 1 Scoping

#### 1 Details of the Proposal

<p><b>Title of Proposal:</b></p>	<p><b>Scottish Borders Council Proposed Local Development Plan 2020 (Proposed LDP)</b></p>
<p><b>What is it?</b></p>	<p><b><u>A new Policy/Strategy/Practice</u></b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   A revised Policy/Strategy/Practice <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>Description of the proposal:</b></p>	<p>The Proposed LDP has been prepared to guide the future use and development of land within the Scottish Borders. It sets out a series of policies and proposals indicating where development can or should not take place and provides guidance on the future provision of a range of subjects including housing, business and industrial use, transport, infrastructure and recreation. It seeks to deliver sustainability and promote a low carbon economy, promote health and wellbeing, promote economic growth, regenerate town centres and give protection to the built and natural heritage. To further the promotion of the objective to ensure high standards of building design and site layouts, development proposals must adhere to the principles laid out in the Council's Supplementary Planning Guidance on</p>

	<p>'Placemaking and Design', 2010. The Proposed LDP provides a broad vision for the period up to 2031, with a focus on the period up to 2026.</p> <p>Key aims and objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide an adequate range and quality of land and premises for business and industry;</li> <li>• To protect strategically important business opportunities;</li> <li>• To promote the development and regeneration of town centres;</li> <li>• To provide a generous supply land for mainstream and affordable housing;</li> <li>• To encourage better connectivity by transport and digital networks;</li> <li>• To protect and enhance the natural and built environment;</li> <li>• To protect important open space;</li> <li>• To promote green network linkages around towns;</li> <li>• To integrate climate change adaptation requirements such as flood prevention and renewable energy production; and</li> <li>• To make adequate provision for waste management.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Service Area:</b> <b>Department:</b></p>	<p>Plans and Research</p>
<p><b>Lead Officer:</b> (Name and job title)</p>	<p>Mr. Charles Johnston</p>
<p><b>Other Officers/Partners involved:</b></p>	<p>The responsibility of producing the Local Development Plan rests with Scottish Borders Council, but its implementation is dependent on partnership working with a whole range of external organisations. Key</p>

	<p>stakeholders include various Departments within SBC, Scottish Natural Heritage, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Historic Environment Scotland, Transport Scotland, NHS and Scottish Water.</p> <p>Officers within the Plans and Research section include:</p> <p>Ms. Karen Ruthven; Ms. Trish Connolly; Ms. Deborah Armstrong; Ms. Sharon Renwick; Ms. Sarah Lund; Ms. Jess Taylor; Mr. Chris Haworth; Mr. Stuart Herkes</p>
<b>Date(s) IIA completed:</b>	14, 18 & 21 September 2020

**2 Will there be any cumulative impacts as a result of the relationship between this proposal and other policies?**

Yes
<p><b>If yes, - please state here:</b></p> <p>Individual planning policies are informed by various Approved Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) notes, which will remain in force until these are updated or superseded by revised or new SPGs.</p> <p>Projects run by, or administered by, the Local Authority, including any which may be in receipt of grant funding or other assistance from, or administered by, the Local Authority, may have a requirement for planning authorisation. Accordingly, the new proposals and plans being brought forward within the Proposed Local Development Plan, may have implications for these projects and their programmes.</p>

**3 Legislative Requirements**

<b>3.1 Relevance to the Equality Duty:</b>	
<p><b>Do you believe your proposal has any relevance under the Equality Act 2010?</b>  <u>Yes</u></p>	
<b>Equality Duty</b>	<b>Reasoning:</b>
<p><b>Elimination of discrimination (both direct &amp; indirect), victimisation and harassment.</b> <i>(Will the proposal discriminate? Or help eliminate discrimination?)</i></p>	<p>It is not considered that the Proposed LDP will result in any discrimination, victimisation or harassment.</p> <p>The adoption of the LDP will have a positive impact on the population of the Scottish Borders. The purpose of the LDP is to</p>

	guide the future use and development of land within the Scottish Borders.			
<b>Promotion of equality of opportunity?</b>	It is not considered that the Proposed LDP will hinder the promotion of equality of opportunity or the fostering of good relations.			
<b>Foster good relations?</b>				
<p><b>3.2 Which groups of people do you think will be or potentially could be, impacted by the implementation of this proposal? (You should consider employees, clients, customers / service users, and any other relevant groups)</b></p> <p><b>Preliminary Note:</b></p> <p>Planning in its general approach and from a national level, actively seeks to ensure that the general character and amenity of rural places is protected from any development which in its nature or scale, would be more appropriately accommodated in existing settlements. As such, there is an acceptance in these terms at least, that certain developments (e.g. larger housing proposals; new business and industrial areas) are more reasonably and appropriately directed towards settlements. This has practical implications for the numbers and types of housing and employment opportunities that may be available in rural localities relative to settlements. While demand for housing, employment and services in rural areas tends to be lower due to lower population numbers, there is nonetheless potential for disproportionate impacts upon younger people, older people, disabled people, and anyone who has difficulty accessing private transport, or who requires some level of care or assistance. However, it is still considered that the Proposed Local Development Plan 2 does cater sufficiently well for housing and employment needs in rural areas; specifically in its support for the delivery, through the planning system, of appropriate rural housing and appropriate rural business, tourism and leisure development where such opportunities exist, and where the specific need in the rural locality concerned, can be accommodated or substantiated acceptably in planning terms.</p>				
Please tick below as appropriate, outlining any potential impacts on the undernoted equality groups this proposal may have and how you know this.				
	Impact			Please explain the potential impacts and how you know this
	No Impact	Positive Impact	Negative Impact	
<b>Age</b> Older or younger people or a specific age grouping		X		The Proposed LDP includes policies such as Affordable Housing Delivery, Care and Nursing Homes, Protection of Greenspace, Green Networks, and Education Safeguarding. Whilst these policies will result in a positive

			<p>impact for most people within the Council area, it is considered that older and younger people, would on balance, be positively impacted.</p> <p>The Proposed LDP will meet the needs of our diverse community by identifying appropriate land use policies and proposals to meet a range of different economic and social needs in a responsible way, while conserving the amenity and environment of the surrounding area appropriately. In particular, it will assist with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Promoting economic growth through increased employment opportunities;</li><li>• Requiring increased accessibility to new developments by non-car modes of transport, including buses;</li><li>• Meeting targets to reduce demand for energy from new developments which will reduce living costs and reduce fuel poverty;</li><li>• Improving quality of place and increasing green space;</li><li>• Providing for local needs and equality of access to housing, jobs, facilities and services, particularly to assist in social inclusion; and to support students in higher education;</li><li>• Facilitating a reduction in the overall need to travel and the reliance on car use;</li><li>• Facilitating the improved provision of Affordable Housing, including special needs;</li><li>• Protecting and enhancing heritage and environmental resources,</li><li>• Protecting Greenspaces,</li><li>• Extending and improving the green network opportunities and links, and</li><li>• Seeking to provide opportunities for improving</li></ul>
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			X	<p>physical well-being.</p> <p>There is potential for some negative impacts on older and younger age groups where restrictions on new housing and employment in the countryside apply, since these restrictions to the number and type of housing and to the type of employment opportunities in these areas, may make it more difficult for older people and younger people in particular, to stay on in their local communities (e.g. lack of existing and new housing suitable or adapted for elderly or infirm occupants; and lack of affordable housing and local job opportunities for younger people trying to find housing and access employment within their local communities).</p>
<p><b>Disability</b> e.g. Effects on people with mental, physical, sensory impairment, learning disability, visible/invisible, progressive or recurring</p>		X		<p>The Proposed LDP includes policies such as Housing for Particular Needs, Care and Nursing Homes, Protection of Greenspace, Green Networks, and Education Safeguarding. Whilst these policies will result in a positive impact for most people within the Council area, it is considered that disabled people, would on balance, be positively impacted.</p> <p>The Proposed LDP will meet the needs of our diverse community, by identifying appropriate land use policies and proposals to meet a range of different economic and social needs in a responsible way, while conserving the amenity and environment of the surrounding area appropriately. In particular, it will assist with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requiring increased accessibility to new developments by non-car modes of transport;</li> <li>Facilitating reducing the overall need to travel and the reliance on car use;</li> <li>• Providing for local needs and equality of access to</li> </ul>

			X	<p>housing, jobs, facilities and services, particularly to assist in social inclusion;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitating the improved provision of Affordable Housing including special needs;</li> <li>• Protecting and enhancing heritage and environmental resources; and</li> <li>• Seeking to provide opportunities for improving physical well-being.</li> </ul> <p>There is potential for some negative impacts on disabled groups where restrictions on new housing and employment in the countryside apply, since these restrictions to the number and type of housing and limitations to employment opportunities in these areas, may make it more difficult for disabled people to stay on in their local communities (e.g. lack of existing and new housing suitable or adapted for disabled occupants' needs; and lack of affordable housing and local job opportunities for people trying to find housing and access employment within their local communities).</p>
<p><b>Race Groups:</b> including colour, nationality, ethnic origins, including minorities (e.g. gypsy travellers, refugees, migrants and asylum seekers)</p>	X		X	<p>The Proposed LDP does not include any policies or proposals that directly relate to, or will otherwise directly impact, any person or persons as a consequence of their identification with, attribution to, or association with, these or any other similarly defined equality groups. The Proposed LDP will meet the needs of our diverse community, by identifying appropriate land use policies and proposals to meet a range of different economic and social needs in a responsible way, while conserving the amenity and environment of the surrounding area appropriately.</p>



			<p>Notwithstanding however, there may be potential for particular equality groups to experience particular impacts, or particular impacts disproportionately, as a consequence of their circumstances and/or preferences with respect to accommodation. Where there is an overlap between these and policies, this may mean that certain policies are liable to be more impactful upon certain groups than others. This may be liable to be the case with respect to a potentially positive impact in this respect in that Policy HD6 - Housing for Particular Needs, encompasses support for the principle of meeting the accommodation needs of gypsy/travellers and travelling show people amongst the accommodation needs of other non-ethnically defined groups (such as students and those with special needs) where a local need for such accommodation is adequately demonstrated.</p>
<p><b>Gender Reassignment Trans/Transgender Identity</b> anybody whose gender identity or gender expression is different to the sex assigned to them at birth</p> <p><b>Marriage or Civil Partnership</b> people who are married or in a civil partnership</p> <p><b>Pregnancy and Maternity</b> (refers to the period after the birth, and is linked to <b>maternity</b> leave in the employment context. In the non-work context, <b>protection</b> against <b>maternity</b> discrimination is for 26 weeks after giving birth),</p> <p><b>Religion or Belief:</b> different beliefs, customs (including atheists and those with no aligned belief)</p> <p><b>Sex – Gender Identity</b> women and men (girls and boys) and those who self-identify their gender</p>	<p><b>X</b></p>		<p>The Proposed LDP does not include any policies or proposals that directly relate to, or will otherwise impact, any person or persons as a consequence of their identification with, attribution to, or association with, this or any other similarly defined equality group. The Proposed LDP will meet the needs of our diverse community, by identifying appropriate land use policies and proposals to meet a range of different economic and social needs in a responsible way, while conserving the amenity and environment of the surrounding area appropriately.</p> <p>These are not considered liable to impact these equality groups</p>

<b>Sexual Orientation</b> , e.g. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Heterosexual				
<p><b>3.3 Fairer Scotland Duty</b></p> <p>This duty places a legal responsibility on Scottish Borders Council (SBC) to actively consider (give due regard) to how we can reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socioeconomic disadvantage when making <u>strategic</u> decisions.</p> <p>The duty is set at a strategic level - these are the key, high level decisions that SBC will take. This would normally include strategy documents, decisions about setting priorities, allocating resources and commissioning services.</p>				
<p><b>Is the proposal strategic?</b></p> <p><u>Yes</u></p>				
<p><b>If yes, please indicate any potential impact on the undernoted groups this proposal may have and how you know this:</b></p>				
	<b>Impact</b>			<b>State here how you know this</b>
	<b>No Impact</b>	<b>Positive Impact</b>	<b>Negative Impact</b>	
<p><b>Low and/or No Wealth</b> – enough money to meet basic living costs and pay bills but have no savings to deal with any unexpected spends and no provision for the future.</p>		<p>X</p>		<p>The Proposed LDP includes polices such as Sustainability, Quality Standards, Protection of Business and Industrial Land, Regeneration, Affordable Housing Delivery, Housing for Particular Needs, Care and Nursing Homes, Protection of Greenspace, Green Networks, and Education Safeguarding. Whilst these policies will result in a positive impact for most people within the Council area,</p>

			<p>those disadvantaged due to low and/or no wealth will be most positively impacted.</p> <p>The Proposed LDP will meet the needs of our diverse community, by identifying appropriate land use policies and proposals to meet a range of different economic and social needs in a responsible way, while conserving the amenity and environment of the surrounding area appropriately. In particular, it will assist with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Promoting economic growth through increased employment opportunities;</li><li>• Requiring increased accessibility to new developments by non-car modes of transport, including buses;</li><li>• Meeting targets to reduce demand for energy from new developments which will reduce living costs and reduce fuel poverty;</li><li>• Improving quality of place and increasing green space;</li><li>• Providing for local needs and equality of access to housing, jobs, facilities and services, particularly to assist in social inclusion;</li><li>• Facilitating a reduction in the overall need to travel and the reliance on car use;</li><li>• Facilitating the improved provision of Affordable Housing, including special needs;</li><li>• Protecting and enhancing heritage and environmental resources, and</li><li>• Seeking to provide opportunities for improving physical well-being.</li></ul> <p>The proposals include a number of identified opportunities for unused or under-used areas of brownfield land, to be redeveloped, particularly for housing and employment. In addition to offering potential benefits with regard to</p>
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				<p>facilitating the delivery of new housing and new business premises from which the local community can benefit, these also have potential to improve the quality of the built environment in the local area, with potential to address long-standing environmental and amenity issues pertaining to the prevalence of larger areas of derelict land and dilapidated premises, which can negatively impact the surrounding streetscape and wider area, and which may in themselves be discouraging investment within the local area.</p>
<p><b>Area Deprivation</b> – where you live (e.g. rural areas), where you work (e.g. accessibility of transport)</p>		X		<p>The Proposed LDP includes polices such as Sustainability, Quality Standards, Protection of Business and Industrial Land, Regeneration, Affordable Housing Delivery, Housing for Particular Needs, Care and Nursing Homes, Protection of Greenspace, Green Networks, and Education Safeguarding. Whilst these policies will result in a positive impact for most people within the Council area, it is considered that those disadvantaged due to area deprivation, would on balance, be positively impacted.</p> <p>The Proposed LDP will meet the needs of our diverse community, by identifying appropriate land use policies and proposals to meet a range of different economic and social needs in a responsible way, while conserving the amenity and environment of the surrounding area appropriately. In particular, it will assist with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promoting economic growth through increased employment opportunities including in rural areas (areas out with the Development Boundary);</li> <li>• Requiring increased accessibility to new developments by non-car modes of transport, including buses;</li> <li>• Meeting targets to reduce demand for energy from</li> </ul>

				<p>new developments which will reduce living costs and reduce fuel poverty;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving quality of place and increasing green space;</li> <li>• Providing for local needs and equality of access to housing, jobs, facilities and services, particularly to assist in social inclusion;</li> <li>• Facilitating a reduction in the overall need to travel and the reliance on car use;</li> <li>• Facilitating the improved provision of Affordable Housing, including special needs;</li> <li>• Protecting and enhancing heritage and environmental resources, and</li> <li>• Seeking to provide opportunities for improving physical well-being.</li> </ul>
			X	<p>In areas outwith, and further from larger settlements, there is potential for some negative impacts on people living in rural areas where restrictions on new housing and employment in the countryside apply. Restrictions to the number and type of housing and to the type of employment opportunities available in these areas, may make it more difficult for some people, particularly in lower income groups, to stay on in their local communities (e.g. lack of existing and new housing suitable or adapted for elderly or infirm occupants; and lack of affordable housing and local job opportunities for people, particularly younger people, trying to find housing and access employment within their local communities without the need for long and expensive commutes).</p>
<b>Material Deprivation</b> – being unable to access basic goods and services i.e. financial products like life insurance, repair/replace broken		X		<p>The Proposed LDP includes policies such as Protection of Business and Industrial Land, Regeneration, Affordable Housing Delivery, Housing for Particular Needs, Care and</p>

<p>electrical goods, warm home, leisure and hobbies</p> <p><b>Socio-economic Background</b> – social class i.e. parents' education, employment and income</p> <p><b>Looked after and accommodated children and young people</b></p> <p><b>Carers</b> paid and unpaid including family members</p> <p><b>Homelessness</b></p>				<p>Nursing Homes, and Education Safeguarding. Whilst these policies will result in a positive impact for most people within the Council area, those disadvantaged due to material deprivation will be most positively impacted.</p> <p>The Proposed LDP will meet the needs of our diverse community, by identifying appropriate land use policies and proposals to meet a range of different economic and social needs in a responsible way, while conserving the amenity and environment of the surrounding area appropriately. In particular, it will assist with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promoting economic growth through increased employment opportunities;</li> <li>• Requiring increased accessibility to new developments by non-car modes of transport, including buses;</li> <li>• Meeting targets to reduce demand for energy from new developments which will reduce living costs and reduce fuel poverty;</li> <li>• Improving quality of place and increasing green space;</li> <li>• Providing for local needs and equality of access to housing, jobs, facilities and services, particularly to assist in social inclusion;</li> <li>• Facilitating a reduction in the overall need to travel and the reliance on car use;</li> <li>• Facilitating the improved provision of Affordable Housing, including special needs;</li> <li>• Protecting and enhancing heritage and environmental resources, and</li> <li>• Seeking to provide opportunities for improving physical well-being.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Additions and substance use</b></p> <p><b>Those involved within the criminal justice</b></p>	<p>X</p>			<p>The Proposed LDP does not include any policies or proposals that directly relate to, or will otherwise impact,</p>

				any person or persons as a consequence of their identification with, attribution to, or association with, this or any other similarly defined equality group. The Proposed LDP will meet the needs of our diverse community, by identifying appropriate land use policies and proposals to meet a range of different economic and social needs in a responsible way, while conserving the amenity and environment of the surrounding area appropriately. These are not considered liable to impact this equality group.
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#### 4 Full Integrated Impact Assessment Required

Yes

#### Part 2 Full Integrated Impact Assessment

#### 5 Data and Information

##### 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

**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

## **6 Consultation and Involvement**

**Which groups are involved in this process and describe their involvement**

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 Proposed 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; SNH; 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).

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

Public Consultation, over a defined 12 week period, currently intended to start in late October 2020. The Lead Officer with the Plans and Research Team will be managing the process, which is to be carried out online, due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions.



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

A Public Consultation was previously held to collect responses to the Main Issues Report (MIR). This took place between November 2018 and January 2019. The responses to the consultation on the MIR have informed the preparation of the Proposed Local Development Plan, and the ways in which specific responses have been taken on board within the preparation of the Proposed Local Development Plan are set out within supporting documents, which will be made available to the public at the time of the public consultation.

**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?**

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

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

## **7 Mitigating Actions and Recommendations**

**Consider whether:**

**Could you modify the proposal to eliminate discrimination or reduce any identified negative impacts?  
(If necessary, consider other ways in which you could meet the aims and objectives of the proposal.)**

**Could you modify the proposal to increase equality and, if relevant, reduce poverty and socioeconomic disadvantage?**

**Describe any modifications which you can make without further delay (e.g. easy, few resource implications)**

## Mitigation

Please summarise all mitigations for approval by the decision makers who will approve your proposal

<b>Equality Characteristic/Socio economic factor</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>	<b>Resource Implications (financial, people, health, property etc)</b>	<b>Approved Yes/No</b>
Covid-19 restrictions and precautions	Enhanced online facilities to present, manage and collect information pertaining to the public consultation; including the facility to allow members of the public to submit their views on the Proposed Local Development Plan in response to the public consultation.	None.	Yes

## 8 Recommendation and Reasoning *(select which applies)*

- Implement proposal with no amendments
- Implement proposal taking account of mitigating actions (as outlined above)
- Reject proposal due to disproportionate impact on equality, poverty, health and Socio -economic disadvantage

### Reason for recommendation:

Implement proposal with no amendments. The proposal should go ahead because the Council has a statutory duty to update and maintain a Local Development Plan. Throughout the process, the Plans and Research Team has, and will continue, to consult with a wide variety of consultees. Please see Section 6 above for further details.

It is an in-built part of the emerging local development plan process that all aspects are reviewed and monitored at designated stages from preparation through to adoption of the Local Development Plan. This process is intended to operate on a five-yearly cycle, and includes public consultation at pre-determined stages from the Main Issues Report, Draft Local Development Plan phase, and Final Local Development Plan phase.

<b>Signed by Lead Officer:</b>	Charles Johnston
<b>Designation:</b>	Lead Officer, Plans and Research
<b>Date:</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2020
<b>Counter Signature (Service Director):</b>	Ian Aikman Chief Planning and Housing Officer
<b>Date:</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> October 2020