



LOCAL PLACE PLANS

THERE'S STILL TIME TO PREPARE A LPP FOR YOUR COMMUNITY!

In May 2023, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar invited communities in the Outer Hebrides to become active participants in planning for their futures by preparing Local Place Plans (LPPs). This email is to say there is still time to prepare a LPP for your community.

Community bodies can prepare a Local Place Plan at any time, but if their purpose in preparing one is to influence the next Local Development Plan, it should be submitted to the Comhairle by **September 2025**. Existing community-led plans may qualify provided they align with a few criteria.



What are Local Place Plans?

Local Place Plans have been introduced as part of a wider programme of planning reform to encourage communities to have a more direct role in the decisions that influence their place.

They focus on a community's proposals for the development and use of land in their area and provide a new opportunity for communities to feed into the planning system with ideas and sites.

Why Prepare a Local Place Plan?

Once registered, LPPs are required to be taken into account in the next Local Development Plan (LDP) - a statutory document which shows how local places will change in the future, including where development should and should not happen. LDPs are part of the Development Plan - which is the main basis for all decisions on planning.

Who can Prepare a Local Place Plan?

For the Comhairle to validate and register Local Place Plans, they need to fulfil a few criteria, as set out in [Circular 1/2022: Local Place Plans](#).

A key feature of LPPs is that they are to be prepared by a 'community body' (as defined in the Circular).

If a recently produced community-led plan meets the criteria for an LPP, it may be possible to use this as a basis for submission.

What is in a Local Place Plan?

Local Place Plans offer communities the opportunity to express their aspirations and ambitions for future change. There is no set format but Plans should focus on proposals for development and use of land.

Communities can also identify land/buildings that they feel is of particular significance to the area.

If you are considering preparing a LPP or are in a position to submit one, or would like to be added to our mailing list to be kept informed of other ways to engage with the LDP, we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact: The Development Plan and Marine Planning Team

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Further help and guidance on Local Place Plans can be found:

National: www.ourplace.scot

Local: <https://cne-siar.gov.uk/home/planning-building-standards/planning-policy-and-guidance/>