

PARTICIPATION STATEMENT

Community Engagement

The Comhairle’s Development Plan Team is committed to meaningful community engagement. It seeks to:

- involve a range of interests, build on early engagement, particularly with communities, [Key Agencies](#), identified groups, and other stakeholders, to inform the shape of plans, proposals and guidance;
- engage with underrepresented/ hard to reach groups
- take into account the National Standards for Community Engagement;
- tailor consultation to different plan stages, document types and/or interest groups;
- provide communications/documents that are easily accessible and easy to understand;
- listen to and fully consider representations; and maintain an open and transparent consultation process.

As work progresses on new or revised Supplementary Guidance, consultation with communities, relevant interest groups, Key Agencies and stakeholders will take place. This, along with national policy changes, will inform these documents, and will apply to any planning briefs prepared for housing or development sites.



DIAGRAM 1: WHO WE WILL CONSULT

Consultation Methods

A range of methods will be utilised to effectively engage with agencies and the public. In light of Covid 19, subsequent legislation and guidance issued, consultations methods have evolved. The methods used will vary and will be tailored to the different interest groups to make the best use of resources, maximising participation, and inclusion. These are outlined in Diagram 2 and 3 and include:

- **Advertisements** in local and community papers;
- **Comhairle website** and **Social-Media** (including potentially Facebook and Twitter, Instagram); to publicise current progress and information on how to become involved;
- **Meetings**, particularly with agencies and with other COMMUNITY bodies, utilising video and conference calls as necessary;
- **Use of Storymap and MIRO** when presenting documents online and for interactive consultation and engagement;
- **Consultation response forms** to encourage input, whilst promoting use of online form platforms;
- **Place Standard Tool** - different versions of the tool will be used as required to engage with different audiences;
- Building Standards and Planning Service **Stakeholder Newsletter** is published regularly and provides updates on the LDP and wider Development Plan activities to stakeholders. This promotes awareness and provides an opportunity for wider engagement at key Plan milestone.



DIAGRAM 2: METHODS OF COMMUNICATION

DIAGRAM 3: PROPOSED ENGAGEMENT AT EACH LDP STAGE

