

Local Place Plans

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Planning (Scotland) Act 2019: Introduced 'new style' local development plans

Place-based



Using the 'place principle'.

Presented as a collation of site briefs and masterplans.

Minimal policy wording.

Addressing the global climate emergency and nature crisis at a local level.

People-centred



Putting people and communities at the heart.

Meeting people's needs and aspirations.

Tackling inequalities.

Prepared collaboratively.

Delivery-focused



'Infrastructure First' approach.

Facilitating delivery of sustainable development.

Achieving outcomes.

Aim of Local Place Plans

Introduced by the 2019 Act

Why?

- Reduce conflict, improve community engagement and build public trust in planning matters
- Help achieve place-based and people-centred local development plans.

How?

- Putting forward community-led proposals for an area/ site
- Must be taken into account in the preparation of local development plans – direct input into the process

What is a Local Place Plan?

- Mini-local development plan: similar process of evidence gathering, engagement, putting forward proposals or policies
- Can be prepared by any properly constituted community body such as Community Councils
- Needs to cover a defined area (but can be any size)
- There must be engagement with all the community including key target groups



What could a Local Place Plan cover?

No control over what it should include - it's a community-led plan:

- Changes to planning policy
- Identifying sites for development and how they should be developed
- Areas or things to protect
- Things that are missing which would make a place better
- Problems/ opportunities in the area which Planning could address.

A Local Place Plan must have regard to existing local development plan; it can't change what is in that plan i.e. policy, allocated housing site etc.

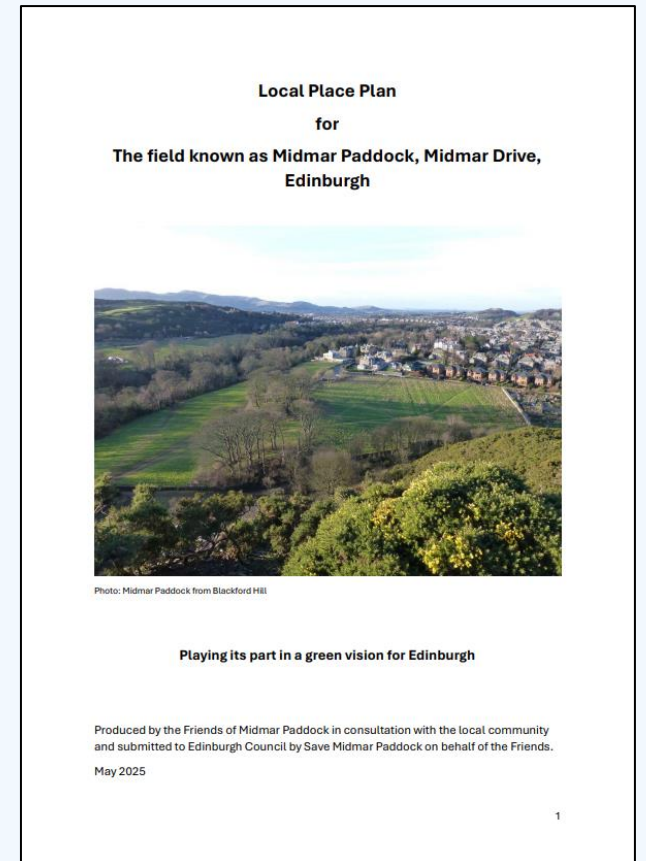
But should be deliverable or controlled by the planning process for it to be taken into account when preparing a local development plan i.e. connected to development

What does a Local Place Plan look like?

No right or wrong way but it must include:

- a map that shows the land to which the plan relates
- a statement of the proposal for the use or development of land within the plan area
- How you engaged with your community

It can be a simple word document – doesn't need to be professionally produced (i.e. not Wester Hailes)



Edinburgh Perspective

- Started preparing our next LDP: City Plan 2040
- Need LPPs registered by end of September (ready to feed into preparation of City Plan 2040)
- If interested – need to start very soon
- Look at other examples and see what's involved
- See our [How To Guide](#) explains how to produce a Local Place Plan (links to template, resources, engagement ideas)



How are we getting on with Local Place Plans?

- Call for LPPs in November 2023
- Numerous chats with different community councils and community bodies
- So far: 3 registered: Wester Hailes, Midmar Paddock, Astley Ainslie
- 15 (?) in progress – importance of registering interest

Issues:

- Timings: Third sector funding crisis / Community Council boundary change/ Community Council Elections
- Lack of direct funding – significant challenge to producing LPPs, relies on finding own funding
- Work involved – needs dedicated resource
- Wester Hailes example is off-putting
- Urban areas – complexity of issues/boundaries

What if a Local Place Plan is not for you?

Other opportunities to engage:

- **Call for Ideas (July-September 2026)**
 - Opportunity for everyone to put forward suggestions (site or policy based)
- **Possible Spatial Strategy engagement**
 - To be confirmed
- **Proposed Plan**
 - Formal consultation stage (end of 2027-early 2028)

Keep up-to-date

To keep up to date with the progress of City Plan 2040 including engagement opportunities:

Join the mailing list by contacting
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**Thank You
Any Questions?**