

Community facilities

To support this development we will work with partners to coordinate the services you need. Within the core development areas, it is envisaged that new partnership centres could be provided at East Calder and Winchburgh and a potential centre at Blackburn. This will ensure that new services can be co-located in an efficient and effective way, by bringing various council services and non-council services together, including new health services, the capital and revenue costs associated with service delivery will be minimised.

West Lothian has a successful track record in working in partnership. Examples include; the Ability Centre, Strathbrock Partnership Centre and the Daisy Drop-In. The West Lothian Civic Centre is thought to be one of the biggest partnership ventures of its kind in the UK. The new Fauldhouse Partnership Centre will open in 2009.

Transport

Work has already begun on the Airdrie – Bathgate rail link. This will mean that new stations will be provided at Bathgate and Armadale with a further one planned at Blackridge. Plans are being developed for new motorway junctions on the M8 at Whitburn associated with the Heartlands development and M9 at Winchburgh. New Park and Ride facilities will be developed close to the main centres of population along with public transport improvements.

Health

NHS Lothian recognises the need for St. John's as one of the three essential acute hospitals in the Lothian's. Significant work has been carried out over the past year planning the development of a short-stay elective surgical centre at St John's. This will enable those attending for day case and short-stay surgery to be cared for within a specially designed short-stay unit rather than in longer-stay ward areas. This should be completed in 2010. This follows the creation of the Endoscopy Suite, due to open in April 2009, to double the capacity of the current unit at St John's and support the planned diagnostic screening for bowel cancer.

Business

New office space, industrial and distribution units are planned for Whitehill and Riddochill (Bathgate/Whitburn), new offices, hotels and small/medium enterprises at Heartlands, new business space are planned at Wester Inch (Bathgate), new mixed office use planned at Almondvale Business Park, and a business park with office space for research and development is planned at Eliburn - Gladman development.

Who are the Community Planning partners?

Made up of statutory, voluntary and private sector organisations, the Community Planning Partnership includes; West Lothian Council, NHS Lothian, Lothian & Borders Police, Lothian & Borders Fire and Rescue, Voluntary Action West Lothian, West Lothian College, Oatridge College, Scottish Enterprise, West Lothian Chamber of Commerce, Scottish Water, Association of Community Councils, JobCentre plus, West Lothian Leisure, West Lothian Youth Congress, Skills Development Scotland, SEstrans, and the Pensions Service. We work together to plan and deliver services that can not be delivered by one partner on their own.

Its your area - This is your chance to be involved in creating the vision of West Lothian in 2020.

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Dear Citizen of West Lothian

The current Community Plan, Shaping the Future, set out our goals and activity until 2010. Since the plan was written in 2000 there have been huge changes in West Lothian. Our population has grown and our business sector has changed. It is now time to re-look at the vision and long-term goals for the area.

The Community Planning Partnership (see back for details) is keen for you to have a say in determining the wider vision for the area in 2020, as well as the broad areas of work that we need to work together on.

In this leaflet you will find information about what we are already planning for in terms of change over the next 12 years. We want you to give us your hopes for the future of the area.

You can do this in a number of ways.....

Complete a postcard and attach it to the Tree of Hope, or send it back to us at the Freepost address, you don't need a stamp
Text your hope to "consult" – 60777

Take part in a discussion group, details are available from the Community Planning Team 01506 774035

Developing the new Community Plan



How old will you be in 2020?

Whether you will be 12 or 70, the types of services you may need will be different to those you use just now. Think about what kind of West Lothian you would want to see in 12 years time.

- What will your health be like?
- Where will you be living?
- If you are working what kind of job would you like?
- What will your children or grandchildren be doing?
- What will your community be like?

The answers to these and other questions will help us develop the vision for the journey we want to take towards 2020.

What we are already planning for

Population Change

The 2006 based population projections predict that the West Lothian population will continue to grow much faster than the Scottish average. By 2020 the population is predicted to increase by 22% to 187,303 compared to a 5% rise across Scotland. If these projections are correct, West Lothian will be the eighth largest local authority in terms of population.

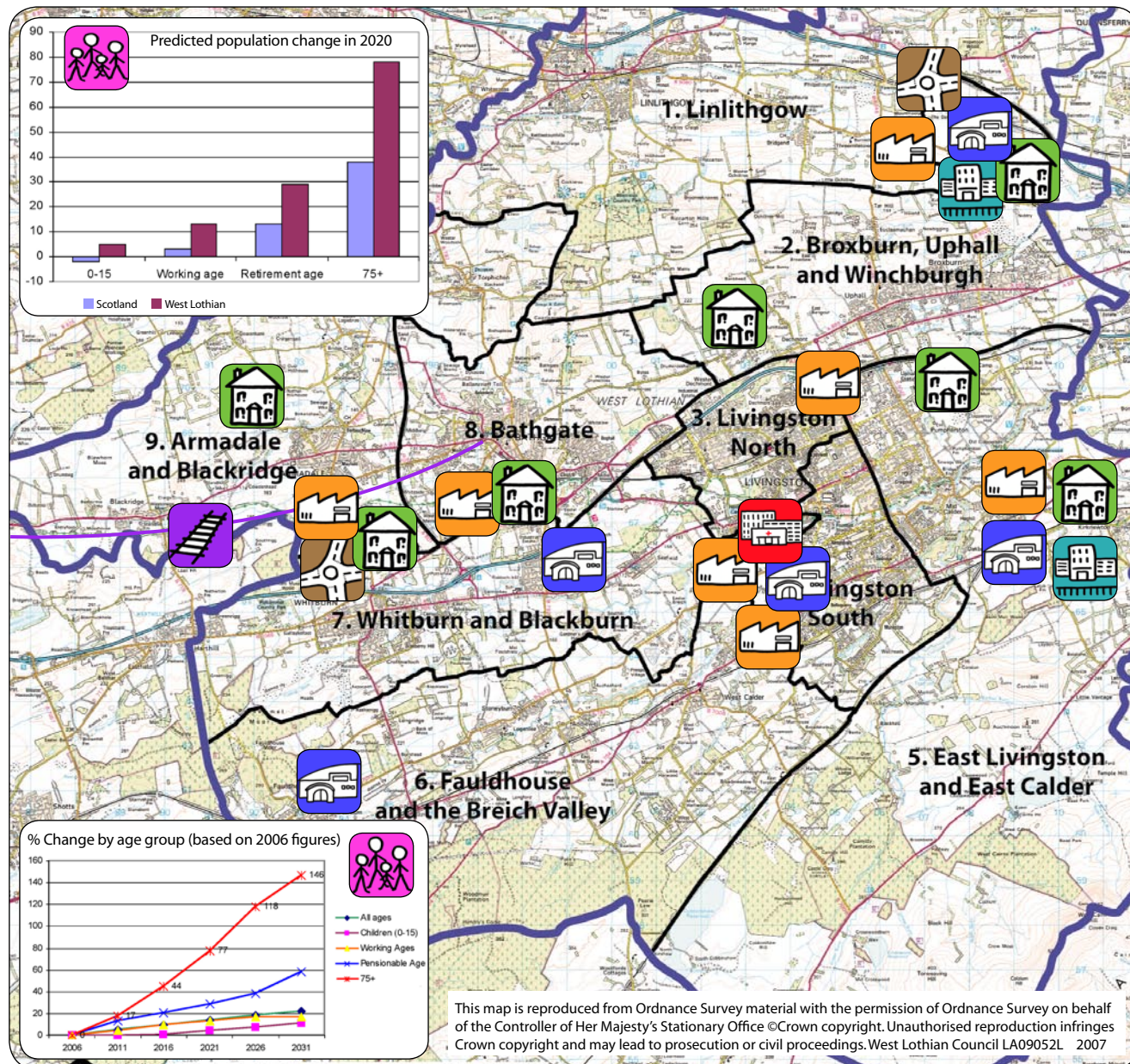
In 2006, West Lothian had the highest proportion of young people under 16 in Scotland (21%), the fourth highest proportion of working age people (67%), but the lowest proportion of elderly (11% aged 65-85 and under 1% over 85).

Compared to the rest of Scotland the most significant changes in our population are predicted in the under 16s, predicted to rise by around 11% compared to a 7% drop for Scotland, and the over 75s predicted to increase by around 77% compared to around a 38% rise for Scotland. The graphs show those changes.

New Houses

Altogether, up to 24,000 new houses are planned before 2020. About half of the new building will take place in five core development areas (CDAs) at Armadale (2,000 houses), East Broxburn / Winchburgh (5,000 houses), West Livingston/ Mossend (5,000 houses), and Calderwood. In addition, there will be substantial development at Heartlands in Whitburn, at the former Leyland site to the south of Bathgate, at Pumpherston/ Uphall Station and associated with the former Bangour Village Hospital.

Changes that may occur in West Lothian by 2020



Population



New railway



New houses



Partnership Centre



New business areas



Health provision



Motorway junctions



New school

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