



As a subscriber to the LDP 2 Newsletter you will receive periodic updates from the Development Planning & Environment team regarding the preparation of the 2nd West Lothian Local Development Plan (LDP 2). You can [unsubscribe](#) at any time. You can view our Privacy Notice by clicking [here](#).

LDP 2 is now underway

The council has begun the process of replacing the current West Lothian Local Development Plan which was adopted in September 2018. Since then the legislation on development plans has changed due to the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019. A significant change is that Strategic Development Plans are no longer in force, and the National Planning Framework is now part of the development plan.

Under the new system, LDPs must be replaced every 10 years and replacement LDPs should be prepared within 5 years of National Planning Framework approval. [National Planning Framework 4 \(NPF4\)](#) was approved on 13 February 2023.

The proposed timetable for producing LDP 2 was agreed by the council as part of the Development Plan Scheme ([DPS No.15](#)) in March 2023 and the key stages are set out below.

Plan Preparation Stage	Anticipated Date
Early Engagement	Q1 2023 to Q4 2023
Council approval of the Evidence Report and submission to Scottish Ministers	Q1 2024
Gatecheck	Q2 2024
Call for Ideas	Q3 2024
Council approval and publication of the Proposed Plan	Q2 2025
Proposed Plan consultation period	Q2 2025
Submission of Proposed Plan to Scottish Ministers	Q4 2025
Examination	Q4 2025 to Q1 2026
Adoption	Q2 2026

The first step in the preparation process is engagement with people who live and work in West Lothian to gather information about the area which will help us prepare an Evidence Report on which to base the new plan. We will also be engaging with a wide range of organisations, including the voluntary sector, businesses, developers, land owners, national agencies and representative bodies.

How can the council best engage you in helping to shape the next Local Development Plan?

The success of LDP 2 will be dependent on capturing the widest range of views and opinions and our Participation survey is intended to find out how people would prefer to be engaged in the process.

[**Click here to take the Participation survey.**](#)

Responses to this survey can be submitted until 31 October 2023

Local Place Plans

Local Place Plans (LPPs) have been introduced by the Scottish Government as a way for communities to help influence change in their local area. They are a tool for local communities to think about how to make their place better, agree priorities and work with others to make change happen.

Community bodies can develop Local Place Plans. This means either a community council or a community-controlled body as defined by [Section 19 of the Community Empowerment \(Scotland\) Act 2015](#).

LPPs will influence future planning policies for an area and will require to be taken account of when the council prepares LDP 2. LPPs need to be submitted to the council by 31 March 2024. More information is available on the [LPP web page](#).

We have recently invited community councils to prepare Local Place Plans (LPPs). However we are also seeking to gauge awareness of, and interest in preparing Local Place Plans among other community bodies. If you are a community organisation, or an interested member of the public, we would appreciate you taking just a few minutes complete and send us the notification.

[Click here to complete a notification form](#)

We want you to tell us about “your place”

The council is currently gathering evidence to inform the new LDP 2 and at this time we are inviting anyone who lives or works in West Lothian to tell us about the things they value (and also the things they don't!) by completing a “Your Place” survey.

It's important that we hear from a range of different people in our communities but particularly children and young people whose future will be affected by the new plan. Separate bespoke questionnaires have been prepared for children, young persons and disabled persons.

[Click on this link to take the general “How Good is Your Place” survey](#)

[Click on this link to take the "How Good is Your Place" survey for Children](#)

[Click this link to take the "How Good is Your Place" survey for Young People](#)

[Click on this link to take the "How Good is Your Place" survey for Disabled Persons](#)

Responses to these surveys can be submitted until 31 October 2023

Minding your own business!

We recognise that there are many businesses and organisations that operate within West Lothian and it's therefore only fair that they too should also have the opportunity to contribute their views to the evidence gathering which is being undertaken at this time by completing the Businesses and Organisations survey.

[Click on this link to take the survey for Businesses and Organisations](#)

Responses to this survey can be submitted until 31 October 2023

Self-build Housing Register

The [Planning \(Scotland\) Act 2019](#) (Section 16E) requires Local Planning Authorities to "prepare and maintain" a list of anyone interested in acquiring land for self-build across the authority's area. Self and custom build housing is defined as homes built or commissioned by individuals or groups of individuals for their own use. Homes built this way offer a unique alternative to standard market housing.

By signing up, people will help the council find out more about the demand for self-build plots across West Lothian and where people would like to build. We will use the information to develop planning policy and guidance and to explore ways in which it might be possible for people and plots to be brought together.

Registration of interest does not however guarantee that a suitable plot will be identified or become available.

There is more information about self-build housing on [this web page](#) and registration can be done online by clicking [here](#).

Going forward

You can keep up to date with the Local Development Plan 2 progress by regularly visiting the [web page](#) and by continuing to subscribe to the new LDP 2 Newsletter.

If you know someone who may be interested in subscribing to the LDP 2 Newsletter please let them know that they can do so by completing the [sign-up page](#) or by emailing us at wldp@westlothian.gov.uk

We hope you have found this update informative and we will continue to communicate news about LDP 2 as it progresses.

If you have any questions relating to LDP 2, the Development Planning process in general or just want to provide feedback and comments on our service, please email the Development Planning & Environment team at wldp@westlothian.gov.uk You can also write to us at the address below.



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