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Local Development Plan 2

Communities and Local Place Plans Background Paper

An assessment of registered Local Place Plans and community submissions to the Call for Ideas engagement exercise

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1. Introduction and Background

This background paper assesses the Local Place Plans (LPPs) submitted to West Lothian Council by local communities, and the ideas submitted by members of the public through the council's Call for Ideas engagement exercise, to inform the preparation of Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2).

Section 15A of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended, sets out the statutory requirement for planning authorities to publish an invitation for local communities to prepare Local Place Plans before the preparation of a Local Development Plan.

West Lothian Council issued invitations for local communities to prepare LPPs in July 2023. The council had originally requested that LPPs be submitted by 31 March 2024; this deadline was extended, and community bodies were instead requested to submit LPPs for registration no later than 31 May 2024.

Section 16(2)(a)(iii) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended, sets out the statutory requirement for planning authorities to take into account any registered Local Place Plans in the preparation of a Local Development Plan.

The council launched its Call for Ideas on 24 March 2025, inviting members of the public and community groups to submit ideas for consideration in the Proposed LDP2. This engagement exercise ran for eight weeks, closing on 28 May 2025.

This paper responds to the submissions from members of the public and community groups that were submitted to the Call for Ideas.

1.1 Support Available to Community Bodies

In addition to publishing an invitation to prepare Local Place Plans, planning authorities are required under section 15A(b)(ii) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended, to publish information on the assistance available to local communities to help them prepare LPPs. This is separate from, and in addition to, the invitation itself.

The council has published guidance on its website for preparing local place plans. This includes background information on local place plans, a frequently asked questions section, useful links and a form that allows community bodies to submit a notice of interest in preparing a local place plan.

2. Registered Local Place Plans

Eight Local Place Plans have been registered by the council. These are:

- Linlithgow and Linlithgow Bridge
- Bathgate
- Mid Calder

- Murieston
- West Calder and Harburn
- Blackburn
- Newton and Woodend
- Dechmont

2.1 Location of Registered Local Place Plans

Schedule 19(4) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended, and regulation 8 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Place Plans) (Scotland) Regulations 2021, require the planning authority to make available a map showing the land to which registered Local Place Plans relate. This is set out in Figure 1 below.

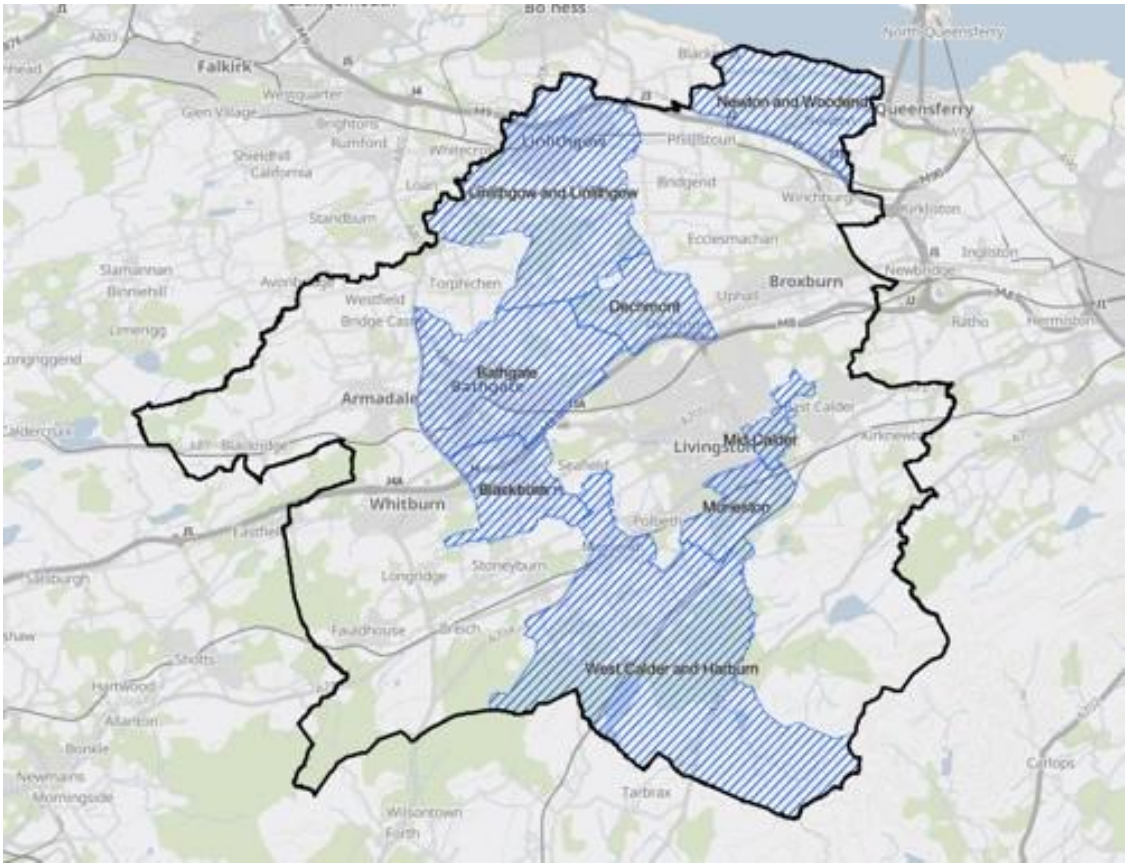


Figure 1: Location of Registered Local Place Plans, West Lothian

2.2 Other Community-Led Plans

Community-led plans that do not meet the statutory requirements for a Local Place Plan may still be given due weight by the planning authority, as an expression of the community's aspirations for their area.

3. Summary of Registered Local Place Plans

This section summarises the vision, key proposals and community feedback recorded in each registered Local Place Plan.

Bathgate

Vision: *To protect and further enhance nature and the natural beauty of the Bathgate Hills as they reach down to a thriving town of Bathgate that is vibrant, well connected, supported and climate resilient — a town ready for the future.*

Key proposals

- Bathgate Hills designated as a Regional Park
- Bathgate Meadows Nature Park in the centre of Bathgate
- Examine the mines under Bathgate regarding the potential for geothermal energy as a renewable energy source
- New cycle route — Wester Inch Link to Inchmuir Road
- Significantly slow or stop further housing development in and around Bathgate until infrastructure is in place to support the current population

Feedback from Local Place Plan engagement

- Better promotion of Bathgate's history, open spaces and town centre
- Bathgate Centre — deterioration and safety concerns
- Dreadnought Hotel — deterioration and safety concerns
- Increase services and infrastructure in line with new housing developments
- More community spaces for young people
- Better walking and cycling access to the Bathgate Hills
- More community engagement on decisions affecting the town
- Positive feedback received on transport and green spaces

Blackburn

Key proposals

- Retention of green spaces while improving planting and biodiversity
- No building on the River Almond flood plain
- Housing sites identified — south of West Main Street, north of Seafield Road
- A series of health walk routes around Blackburn
- Vacant and derelict buildings — former Hopefield Nursery, health centre and Trindley Knowe — should be repaired, developed or retained for community use if possible

Feedback from Local Place Plan engagement

- River Almond flooding concerns
- River valley should be supported as a nature network
- Protect valued assets: The Mill Centre, Blackburn United Football Club, The Partnership Centre
- Active travel access should be improved
- Concern about vacant and derelict buildings
- Community infrastructure must be considered alongside any future housing development; preference for mixed tenure affordable housing

Dechmont

Key proposals

- Retention of Dechmont play park for community use
- No additional housing allocations to be proposed for the village in LDP2
- Retention and maintenance of all existing green spaces within the community boundary and establishment of new planting/biodiversity sites
- Traffic calming measures

Feedback from Local Place Plan engagement

- Bangour Village Hospital site concerns, including:
  - Deteriorating condition of listed buildings
  - No firm plan for the new primary school
  - No clear plan for meeting health care needs, with local services already at capacity
  - The number of trees taken down has exceeded expectations
  - Lack of transport links
- The community must be consulted and included in decisions affecting the village — specifically the future of Dechmont Infant School, significant tree felling or other work in the North Wood, and the use of communal green spaces in and around the Bangour Hospital development
- Local residents place great value on the green spaces around them
- The bus service should be improved

Linlithgow and Linlithgow Bridge

Vision: *Keep and enhance the town of Linlithgow as a reasonably balanced community, combining the following roles: a place to live and learn, a place to visit, and a place to work.*

Key proposals

- East Linlithgow housing proposals
- Four-way motorway interchange at Burghmuir
- High Street Relief Road
- Redevelopment of the Vennel

- Car parking in the town centre
- Creation of an Integrated Health Centre
- New Primary School at Edinburgh Road
- Tourist Information Centre
- Canal Marina near Park Farm
- Burghmuir Business Park
- Business Centre in the Town Centre
- Development of hydro-electric power plants on the River Avon

Feedback from Local Place Plan engagement

- High Street traffic and air pollution needs to be tackled urgently
- Improve parking in the town centre
- Loch and watercourse pollution needs to be addressed
- More affordable housing
- Insulation and heating improvements in homes and integration of renewable energy sources
- Enhancement of the conservation area and establishment of a tourist information office
- Consideration of a larger hotel
- Plan for business growth
- Road infrastructure improvements must precede further housing development
- Majority support for the construction of west-facing slips at M9 Junction 3
- Redevelopment of the Vennel
- An integrated health and care centre on a town centre site
- Positive feedback received on green spaces

Mid Calder

Vision: *Preserve the rich heritage of the community's historical landmarks, traditions, ancient woodland and ecosystems, and foster a community where everyone feels valued, respected and included.*

Key proposals

- Introduction of safe pedestrian crossings and/or traffic calming measures at several locations
- Create safer pedestrian and cycling routes and encourage more sustainable modes of transportation
- Develop more places for people to meet and children to play

Feedback from Local Place Plan engagement

- Traffic management measures
- Safer pedestrian crossings in the village centre

- Protecting wildlife and natural habitats
- Utilise the Old School for community use
- Restore and maintain historical buildings
- No housing developments on the field between the B7015 and the River Almond
- Plant and allow wildflower meadows
- Combfoot footpath connection
- Traffic calming and/or pedestrian crossing on the B8046
- Youth club or drop-in centre

Murieston

Key proposals

- Protect green spaces (in particular the Linhouse Circular) from encroaching development
- Develop an environmental strategy and progress towards net-zero
- Promote active and sustainable travel
- Area to the south of Murieston East Road to be designated as a Local Community Hub
- LDP should support a 20-minute neighbourhood approach

Feedback from Local Place Plan engagement

- Protect Murieston from over-development
- Look after green spaces
- Better facilities for socialising
- Save Murieston Village Hall from closure
- Protect the Linhouse Circular from over-development of housing

Newton and Woodend

Key proposals

- Measures to cut down Main Street noise and air pollution
- Active travel routes and quiet roads
- Community garden and allotments — borrowing land currently under Hopetoun ownership
- New car parking area
- Conservation of Old Quarry Wood, Parkhead Woods and Hopetoun Woods

Feedback from Local Place Plan engagement

- Support for safe paths for pedestrians proposals
- Support for increasing community spaces in the village, including parking areas

West Calder and Harburn

Key proposals

- Greenspace assets and local biodiversity to be maintained and protected
- Valued community assets to be retained
- Historical assets to be retained
- Improve access around West Calder — upgrading public pavements, creating safe crossing points, improved traffic and parking management
- Increased infrastructure in line with proposed housing development of 540 units

Feedback from Local Place Plan engagement

- Maintain historic heritage
- Improve parking restrictions on West Calder Main Street
- Make roads safer and more adequate to deal with the high volume of traffic
- Increase services and infrastructure in line with new housing developments
- More parking spaces for the train station
- Better walking and cycling paths
- Tree and wildflower planting
- for mixed-tenure affordable housing

4. Methodology for Assessment

Each Local Place Plan proposal and Call for Ideas submission has been assessed by officers for its conformity with LDP2. The assessment is structured around three categories common to both sources of community input: sites, policies and projects.

4.1 Conformity Assessment — Local Place Plans

Sites, policies and projects identified through Local Place Plans have been considered against LDP2 allocations and designations, and assessed by officers for conformity. The tables below record this assessment.

Bathgate

Existing Sites

LPP Site Name and Reference	Relevant LDP2 Allocation / Designation	Conformity with LDP2	Officer Assessment
Sibcas, H7	Opportunity site	Y	Continued support for development of the site in LDP2. Designated as an

LPP Site Name and Reference	Relevant LDP2 Allocation / Designation	Conformity with LDP2	Officer Assessment
			opportunity site due to lack of certainty on timing of delivery for housing.
Guildiehaugh, H8	Housing	Y	Continued support in LDP2 for redevelopment of this brownfield site.
Former Edgar Allen Works, H9	Housing	Y	Continued support in LDP2 for redevelopment of this brownfield site.
Majoribanks Street, H10	Opportunity site	Y	Continued support for development of the site in LDP2. Designated as an opportunity site due to lack of certainty on timing of delivery for housing.
Former Abbatoir, Whitburn Road, H11	Housing	Y	Site has detailed planning permission and is under construction. Allocation continues into LDP2.
Windyknowe/Glasgow Road, H12	Opportunity site	Y	Continued support for development of the site in LDP2. Designated as an opportunity site due to lack of certainty on timing of delivery for housing.
Bloomfield Place, H13	Opportunity site	Y	Continued support for development of the site in LDP2. Designated as an opportunity site due to lack of certainty on timing of delivery for housing.
13-15 Glasgow Road, H14	White land in Bathgate settlement boundary	N	Deallocation of site in LDP2.

LPP Site Name and Reference	Relevant LDP2 Allocation / Designation	Conformity with LDP2	Officer Assessment
			Continued occupation of site and no submission made for site to be included in LDP2.
Waverley Depot, H16	Opportunity site	Y	Continued support for development of the site in LDP2. Designated as an opportunity site due to lack of certainty on timing of delivery for housing.
Glasgow Road, H17	White land in Bathgate settlement boundary	N	Deallocation of site in LDP2. Continued occupation of site and no submission made for site to be included in LDP2.
Main Street, H19	Opportunity site	Y	Continued support for development of the site in LDP2. Designated as an opportunity site due to lack of certainty on timing of delivery for housing.
Creamery Garage, H20	Opportunity site	Y	Continued support for development of the site in LDP2. Designated as an opportunity site due to lack of certainty on timing of delivery for housing.

Additional sites

None.

Change of use sites and sites protected from development

LPP Site Name and Requested Use Change / Protection	Relevant LDP2 Allocation / Designation	Conformity with LDP2	Officer Assessment
Napier Avenue (LDP1 site H-BA 5): From housing to greenspace.	Open space	Y	LDP2 deallocates this site and designates it for open space. Note this site does have planning permission in principle that does not expire until October 2029.
Wester Inch / Finlay Drive (LDP1 site H-BA 23): From housing to greenspace.	Open space	Y	LDP2 deallocates this site and designates it for open space.
Blackburn Road (LDP1 site H-BA 26): From housing to greenspace.	Open space	Y	LDP2 deallocates this site and designates it for open space.
Mid Street (LDP1 site H-BA 28): From housing to community garden / greenspace.	Open space	Y	LDP2 deallocates this site and designates it as open space.

LPP Policy or LDP2 Policy Request	Officer Assessment
Support diversification of rural land in LDP2.	National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) Policy 29 on Rural development supports diversification of rural land. There is not a need to replicate this policy in LDP2.

Project	Is this an opportunity that can be delivered through LDP2?	If no, what part of the council could consider this project?
Bathgate Meadows Nature Park (LPP CC1) Includes upgrades to active travel network; improvements to grass areas, flood lagoons and	Not directly but should be noted in LDP2 as a distinct proposal for Bathgate. Open designation for this area to allow for policy support.	WLC Operational Services

Project	Is this an opportunity that can be delivered through LDP2?	If no, what part of the council could consider this project?
other habitats; reformatting of existing burns and creation of new wetlands.		
Green corridors (LPP CC2) Conduct a feasibility study to create green corridors with active travel provision to support sustainable travel in and around Bathgate.	No	WLC Open Space, WLC Roads & Transportation, WLC Ecology & Biodiversity
Geothermal energy (LPP CC3) Study if disused mines under Bathgate could be used to supply geothermal energy.	No	WLC Climate Change team and Mining Remediation Authority (external organisation).
Wester Inch cycle route (LPP AT1) New cycle route in Wester Inch to Inchmuir Road, Whitehill Industrial Estate.	No but project being progressed.	WLC Roads & Transportation
Bathgate Hills active travel (LPP AT2) Upgrade paths and improve accessibility to Bathgate Hills and Beecraigs Country Park along with promotion of existing safe routes.	No	WLC Roads & Transportation
Bathgate Hills Heritage Trail (LPP AT4) Develop a heritage trail with wayfinding signage.	No	WLC Public Art Officer and WLC Countryside Services
A89 cycle path (LPP AT7) New segregated two-way cycle path on south side of A89 in Bathgate between Guildiehaugh Roundabout and King Street car park.	No but project being progressed.	WLC Roads & Transportation
Beecraigs bus (LPP AT8) Introduce a bus service or a shuttle bus from Bathgate to Beecraigs, or alternatively amend an existing service to stop at Korean War Memorial.	No	WLC Passenger Transport team

Blackburn

Existing sites

LPP Site Name and Reference	Relevant LDP2 Allocation / Designation	Conformity with LDP2	Officer Assessment
H-BB 5: Bathgate Road, I2	White land in settlement boundary	N	LDP2 deallocates this site. Marked as undeliverable in Housing Land Audit.
H-BB 9 and 10: Ash Grove, I1	Opportunity site	Y	Continued support for development of the site in LDP2. Designated as an opportunity site due to lack of certainty on timing of delivery for housing.

Additional sites

LPP Site Name and Reference	Relevant LDP2 Allocation / Designation	Conformity with LDP2	Officer Assessment
Seafield Road, H2	Countryside belt	N	Site proposed to remain as countryside belt - full reasoning set out in West Lothian Countryside Belt Review and LDP2 Site Appraisal.

Change of use sites and sites protected from development

LPP Site Reference and Requested Use Change / Protection	Relevant LDP2 Allocation / Designation	Conformity with LDP2	Officer Assessment
H1 (LDP1 ref E-BB 6): Change from employment to housing	Housing	Y	Change from employment to housing proposed.

LPP Site Reference and Requested Use Change / Protection	Relevant LDP2 Allocation / Designation	Conformity with LDP2	Officer Assessment
A1: Easter Inch Moss – protect as local biodiversity asset	Local biodiversity site	Y	Conforms with proposed plan.
A2: Green space north of Riddochhill Road housing to M8 motorway – protect as local biodiversity asset	Open space	Y	Conforms with proposed plan.
B2: From housing (H-BB 3) to greenspace.	Open space	Y	Conforms with proposed plan.
B3: From housing (H-BB 4) to greenspace.	Open space	Y	Conforms with proposed plan.
B4: Existing greenspace to be retained.	Open space	Y	Conforms with proposed plan.
B5: Existing greenspace to be retained.	Open space	Y	Conforms with proposed plan.
B6: Existing greenspace to be retained.	Open space	Y	Conforms with proposed plan.
B7: Existing greenspace to be retained.	Open space	Y	Conforms with proposed plan.
B8: Existing greenspace to be retained.	Open Space	Y	Conforms with proposed plan.
C1: Future flood risk area	Local biodiversity site	Y	Conforms with proposed plan.
C2: From housing to future flood risk area (H-BB 2).	Open space	Y	Conforms with proposed plan.

LPP Policy or LDP2 Policy Request	Officer Assessment
Housing development proposals should include mixed-tenure housing.	LDP2 Policy 6 sets out that housing sites should be mixed tenure above 16 houses.
No development on the River Almond Future Flood Risk area.	This is reflected in the extent of chosen development sites in Blackburn for LDP2.

Project	Is this an opportunity that can be delivered through LDP2?	If no, what part of the council could consider this project?
Improved planting (LPP B1,4-7 & E1-7) Increased planting to encourage biodiversity.	N	Ecology & Biodiversity team
Edible landscaping (LPP B5) Boulder Path Garden to be planted with edible landscaping, supporting healthy living.	N	WLC Countryside Services, WLC Open Space and NHS Lothian
Walking routes (LPP F) Improvements to walking routes around the town and the river to encourage active lifestyles.	N	WLC Countryside Services / Roads and Transportation
Missing walking links (LPP G1-3) Connecting paths with missing links to create safer connections around the town centre.	Y – Ash Grove and Daisyhill Hill Road opportunity sites can create these links as site requirements.	
Former Hopefield Nursery (LPP J1) Develop for community use.	N	WLC Property Services/WLC Education
Blackburn Family Centre (LPP J2) Retain for community use.	N	This site has been sold and is now occupied by a Premier convenience shop
Former health centre (LPP J3) Repair and put back in use.	N	External organisation – NHS Lothian

Dechmont

Existing LDP1 sites

LPP Site	Relevant LDP2 Allocation / Designation	Conformity with LDP2	Officer Assessment
LDP1 Ref H-DE 1 (Bangour Village Hospital).	Housing	Y	Continued allocation for redevelopment of Bangour Village Hospital site. Delivery of primary school, neighbourhood centre and affordable housing remain site requirements.
LDP1 Ref H-DE 2 (Dechmont Main Street).	Housing	Y	Continued allocation of Main Street site following detailed application being granted permission.

Additional sites
None.

Change of use sites and sites protected from development
None.

Policies

LPP Policy or LDP2 Policy Request	Officer Assessment
None specified.	N/A

Projects

Project	Is this an opportunity that can be delivered through LDP2?	If no, what part of the council could consider this project?
Biodiversity improvements New planting sites.	Sites within LDP2 will require to enhance biodiversity, in line with National Planning Framework 4. Key green spaces in Dechmont are protected from development through	Ecology & Biodiversity team

Project	Is this an opportunity that can be delivered through LDP2?	If no, what part of the council could consider this project?
	designation as open space. If council owned, these could have potential for new planting.	
Bus services Improvements to bus service in Dechmont village.	No	Passenger Transport team
Dechmont Main Street Introduction of traffic calming measures.	Yes – requirement of Bangour Village Hospital and Main Street developments.	

Linlithgow

Existing Sites

LPP Site	Relevant LDP2 Allocation / Designation	Conformity with LDP2	Officer Assessment
H5, Wilcoxholm Farm (LDP1 Ref: H-LL 11).	Housing	Y	Conforms with LDP2. Continued support for development of this site.
H7 Manse Road. (LDP1 Ref: H-LL4)	Opportunity site	Y	Conforms with LDP2 and continued support for development of this site. Designated as an opportunity site given lack of certainty around when the site will come forward for housing development.
H10 Falkirk Road. (LDP1 Ref: H-LL 5)	Housing	Y	Conforms with LDP2. Continued support for development of this brownfield site.
LPP TC3: Redevelopment of Templars Court gap	Opportunity site	Y	Conforms with LDP2. Continued support for

LPP Site	Relevant LDP2 Allocation / Designation	Conformity with LDP2	Officer Assessment
site (LDP1 ref: H-LL 1)			development of this town centre gap site. Designated as an opportunity site due to the lack of certainty around timing of the site being delivered.

Additional sites

LPP Site Name and Reference	Relevant LDP2 Allocation / Designation	Conformity with LDP2	Officer Assessment
LPP H3: Proposed housing association homes including retail uses within wider LPP H6 site.	Local landscape area	N	LDP2 does not propose to allocate this site and continues the existing landscape designation.
LPP H5: Extension of LDP1 H-LL 11 mixed housing site eastward north of Union Canal out of settlement boundary by around 450 meters.	Countryside belt	N	LDP2 does not propose to allocate an extension to the Wilcoxholm Farm site and continues the existing countryside belt designation at this location.
LPP H6: Outside settlement boundary, new greenfield mixed-use site (housing led with retail) situated around St Michael's Hospital / Clarendon to Edinburgh Road.	Local landscape area	N	LDP2 does not propose to allocate this site and continues the existing landscape designation.
LPP H7: Outside settlement boundary, new greenfield housing site situated between LDP1 H-LL 4	Opportunity site	Y	Continued support for development of the site. Designated as an opportunity site, as there is a lack of certainty for

LPP Site Name and Reference	Relevant LDP2 Allocation / Designation	Conformity with LDP2	Officer Assessment
& H-LL 7 sites / Manse Road to Clarendon.			when this site will be developed.
LPP H8: Council housing site on half of green space east of Linlithgow Bridge Primary.	Open space	N	LDP2 does not propose to allocate this site for housing. Known contamination issues for Doomsdale .
LPP H9: Council housing site on green space northwest of Linlithgow Bridge Primary.	Open space	N	LDP2 does not propose to allocate this site for housing. This site is used by Linlithgow Bridge Primary and has flooding issues meaning the site is not viable for development.
LPP H11: Mixed-use site (housing with ground floor retail & commercial) for Vennel redevelopment.	White land	N	The council position on The Vennel remains the same as set out in the Council Executive Report from December 2024.
LPP TC1: Eastern Vennel mixed-use redevelopment at the Cross.	White land	N	The council position on The Vennel remains the same as set out in the Council Executive Report from December 2024.
LPP TC2: Redevelopment of Victoria Hall site.	Opportunity site	Y	Continued support for development of a prominent town centre gap site. Designated as an opportunity site, as there is a lack of certainty for when this site will be fully developed, following

LPP Site Name and Reference	Relevant LDP2 Allocation / Designation	Conformity with LDP2	Officer Assessment
			demolition of Victoria Halls.
LPP ED1: Outside settlement boundary, new primary school at Edinburgh Road, Porterside.	Local landscape area	N	This infrastructure proposal is not required to deliver the LDP2 spatial strategy in Linlithgow.
Long term housing sites on remaining greenfield land inside eastern link road (LPP T3).	Countryside belt	N	LDP2 does not propose to allocate this site and continues the existing countryside belt designation.

Change of use sites and sites protected from development

LPP Site Name and Requested Use Change / Protection	Relevant LDP2 Allocation / Designation	Conformity with LDP2	Officer Assessment
LPP R5: Designated housing (LDP1 H-LL 13) to open space / countryside	Local biodiversity site outside settlement boundary. Within Battle of Linlithgow Bridge battlefield and designated as part of a local landscape area in LDP2.	Y	LDP2 deallocates this site and moves it outside the settlement boundary. Protected by Local Biodiversity Site and Battle of Linlithgow Bridge designations.
LPP E1: Outside settlement boundary, part of designated countryside belt at Burghmuir to east of existing E-LL 2 and bound by M9 motorway and A803 to employment site.	Countryside belt	N	LDP2 does not propose to allocate this site and continues the existing countryside belt designation.
LPP R5: Kettilstoun Woodland and Avon Lagoon (partly	Local biodiversity site outside settlement boundary	Y	LDP2 deallocates this site and gives protection through Local

LPP Site Name and Requested Use Change / Protection	Relevant LDP2 Allocation / Designation	Conformity with LDP2	Officer Assessment
designated LDP1 H-LL 13 housing site).			Biodiversity Site designation.
Proposed countryside belt for land south of settlement boundary east to Manse Road, then land south of a suggested eastern link road.	Local landscape area	In part	LDP2 designates the area south of the town boundary and east of Manse Road as a local landscape area.
Proposed countryside belt for land north of M9 motorway, Linlithgow Loch, Blackness Road / A803 and Springfield Road housing.	Local landscape area	Y	Protection through a local landscape area for land north of the M9.

LPP Policy or LDP2 Policy Request	Officer Assessment
All new developments should be carbon neutral with provision for solar gain, maximum insulation and controlled ventilation.	Energy efficiency standards for housing are set through Building Standards regulations.
All new developments should provide parking spaces for community-owned car club vehicles, electric charging points and bike hire hubs.	New housing is required to be equipped with electric charging points. Only sites of a large scale will be able to support the development of 'mobility hubs'. There is support for these hubs to deliver sustainable transport.
All new large-scale housing developments should include provision for suitably located home/business accommodation (i.e. rooms or outbuildings suitable for operation as a small business).	This is a matter for individual housebuilders and householders.
All housing sites capable of providing more than 10 houses should be subject to detailed planning briefs which emphasise the need for high quality	LDP2 emphasises the need for high quality design in new developments and to integrate with local context.

LPP Policy or LDP2 Policy Request	Officer Assessment
design reflecting national planning policy and local traditions.	Policy 1 of LDP2 provides a 'hook' for production of development briefs for sites. However, it is not possible to produce detailed planning briefs for all sites capable of providing more than 10 houses due to number of housing allocations in LDP2.
10% of all new housing to be wheelchair accessible.	LDP2 policy 6: housing needs that sets out that developments of 16 or more homes are required to include a range of house types, including accessible and adaptable homes.
Support development of a larger hotel in Linlithgow.	National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) Policy 30 on Tourism supports tourism development, which includes hotels, subject to seven criteria. If a proposal comes forward for a hotel development in Linlithgow, these seven criteria will need to be met.
Affordable housing, to be provided either under the allocation of land for construction or from commuted sums, must be built within Linlithgow.	LDP2 Policy 7: Affordable housing sets a requirement for development of 16 or more homes to provide 25% affordable housing on site. Monetary contributions towards affordable housing (commuted sums) will be taken for development between 5 and 15 homes.
Developer contributions towards the cost of constructing the four-way M9 motorway interchange at Burghmuir/Junction 3.	Contributions towards the construction of slip roads at Junction 3 of the M9 are supported in LDP2.
Local living: new housing areas should be provided with at least two new shop units.	Convenience shops require a scale of development for a business to be supported. Where of a sufficient scale, LDP2 will encourage the provision of retail units in new development.

Project	Is this an opportunity that can be delivered through LDP2?	If no, what part of the council could consider this project?
District heating systems (LPP ES1 & ES2) Provide district heating systems for new housing developments and in existing built-up areas.	No	WLC Climate Change team
River Avon hydroelectric power plants (LPP ES3) Promote the development of hydroelectric power plants on the River Avon to provide power to local housing and industry.	No	WLC Climate Change team
Conservation area enhancements (LPP B1) Improve public realm, shop fronts, building appearances within conservation area to suitable historic design contexts.	No – however, these matters could be for future planning guidance once LDP2 is adopted.	-
Linlithgow Palace restoration (LPP B2) Restore Linlithgow Palace to safe condition and provide visitor facilities, with further opportunities to reroof and reuse certain parts of the palace.	No	External organisation – Historic Environment Scotland
Riggs preservation (LPP B3) Promote the preservation and use of the High Street riggs.	Yes – continued designation of the High Street Riggs in LDP2 to ensure their preservation.	
Tourist information centre (LPP B4) Re-establish a full-time tourist centre in the Burgh Halls.	No	WLC Property Services
Canal-side facilities (LPP B6) Establish mooring facilities by the canal near St Michael's hospital.	No	External organisation – Scottish Canals
Park Farm Canal Marina (LPP B7) Construction of a new canal marina by Park Farm.	No	External organisation – Scottish Canals

Project	Is this an opportunity that can be delivered through LDP2?	If no, what part of the council could consider this project?
Town centre business centre (LPP E2) Development of/conversion into office suites in Linlithgow town centre.	No	WLC Property Services for any WLC assets.
High Street traffic management (LPP T1) Restrict through traffic along High Street from West Port to Low Port, improve pedestrian environment, rationalise on-street parking and introduce traffic light system at West Port / St. Ninian's Road / Preston Road junction.	No	WLC Roads & Transportation
High Street relief road (LPP T2) Relief road running north of Linlithgow Loch / M9 motorway, from Mill Road to Bonsyde Road.	No – this proposal is not required to deliver the LDP2 spatial strategy in Linlithgow.	-
Eastern link road (LPP T3) Link road from A803/Kingsfield Road junction to Manse Road/Riccarton Drive junction via B9080.	No – this proposal is not required to deliver the LDP2 spatial strategy in Linlithgow.	-
Burghmuir M9 motorway interchange (LPP T4) New west-facing slip roads at M9 motorway Junction 3 and a roundabout interchange linking new slip roads with existing east-facing slip roads.	Yes – continued support for delivery of the slip roads at M9 Junction 3.	-
A803 roundabouts (LPP T5) Two new roundabouts at A803/Springfield Road east junction and A803/Kingsfield Road junction.	No – these proposals are not required to deliver the LDP2 spatial strategy in Linlithgow.	-
Manse Road canal bridge traffic relief (LPP T6) Explore opportunities to reduce traffic using the canal bridge. *[Consider alongside LPP T3]*	No	WLC Roads & Transportation

Project	Is this an opportunity that can be delivered through LDP2?	If no, what part of the council could consider this project?
Regent Centre decked car park (LPP T7) Levelling of existing car park and construction of two parking decks above, with potential to link to Linlithgow railway station eastbound platform via footbridge from top parking deck.	No	Not in council ownership – matter for the landowner.
Vennel tourist car parking (LPP T8) Provide more short-stay car parking at the Vennel.	No	WLC Property Services
Linlithgow railway station access (LPP T9) Improve access to the station with shared surfaces on Station Road, wayfinding signage and considering new train services.	No	WLC Roads & Transportation and Network Rail
Tourist coach parking (LPP T11) Encourage tourist coaches to park at Blackness Road lay-by at Barons Hill.	No	WLC Town Centre and Tourism Manager
Linlithgow cycle network (LPP T12) Creation of a town-wide, segregated cycle network linking in with the town centre and railway station.	No	WLC Roads & Transportation
Maidlands canal path link (LPP T13) Upgrade the existing informal path to a walking / cycle route from Maidlands to the canal towpath.	Yes – link to open space proposal at Wilcoxholm needs to link to Canal Towpath. Liaison with Scottish Canals required	-
Beecraigs to Livingston active travel link (LPP T14) Extend the existing footpath to Beecraigs from Linlithgow to Livingston via Bangour.	No	WLC Roads & Transportation and WLC Countryside Services

Project	Is this an opportunity that can be delivered through LDP2?	If no, what part of the council could consider this project?
Clarendon 'Green Wedge' active travel (LPP T15) Footpath and cycle network connecting new housing at Clarendon to town centre.	No – this proposal is not required to deliver the LDP2 spatial strategy in Linlithgow.	-
Arts Retail Quarter (LPP S2) Creation of an 'Arts Retail Quarter' at the west end of High Street including distinctive public realm.	No	WLC Public Art Officer
Low Port Centre (LPP R1) Retention of the Low Port Centre for community and recreational use.	No	WLC Property Services
Clarendon Public Park (LPP R2) Preservation of countryside strip east of Clarendon / Oatlands Park to form a 'green wedge' public park with woodland planting and community orchards.	No – this proposal is not required to deliver the LDP2 spatial strategy in Linlithgow.	-
West Lothian Cycle Circuit (LPP R3) Provide additional facilities at the cycle circuit, such as a skatepark and athletics facilities.	No	WLC Sports and Leisure Manager External organisation – Linlithgow Community Development Trust
Youth centre (LPP R6) Establish a permanent youth centre.	No	WLC Property Services
New health centre (LPP HE1) Construction of a new health centre in the town centre, preferably through redevelopment of the existing health centre.	No	External organisation – NHS Lothian

Mid Calder

Existing sites

None.

Additional sites

None.

Change of use sites and sites protected from development

LPP Site Name and Requested Use Change / Protection	Relevant LDP2 Allocation / Designation	Conformity with LDP2	Officer Assessment
Current safeguarded open space east of New Calder Mill (LDP1 H-MC 1).	Housing	N	Planning permission in principle granted on appeal, following council refusal. Detailed application has now been granted by the council. Site has a developer and is deliverable.

LPP Policy or LDP2 Policy Request	Officer Assessment
Integration of surface water management into traffic calming measures.	Not a matter for LDP2 and is covered by technical standards for roads. All road alterations need to ensure that surface water runoff is managed.

Project	Is this an opportunity that can be delivered through LDP2?	If no, what part of the council could consider this project?
Traffic calming and safe crossings (LPP 1.1-1.4) Install pedestrian crossings and introduce traffic calming measures at Bank Street/Market Street, Ochiltree Crescent bus stop, Cunnigar House junction and Caroline Park bus stop.	No	WLC Roads & Transportation
Vehicle speed measures at village entry points (LPP 1.5)	No	WLC Roads & Transportation

Project	Is this an opportunity that can be delivered through LDP2?	If no, what part of the council could consider this project?
Changes to road design at east of Bank Street, Calder Park Road B7015/B8046 junction and Calder Park Road/Lizzie Brice roundabout to reduce traffic speeds.		
Increase car parking on Market Street (LPP 1.6) Changing parking bay orientation at Market Street /Avenue Park to increase number of spaces.	No	WLC Roads & Transportation
Footpath connections (LPP 1.7) New footpath connection between Calder Park House woodland paths to Avenue Park West.	No	Other – the woodland is in private ownership of Calder House.
Active travel network (LPP 1.8) Develop an active travel network to connect the village to the wider area travel infrastructure.	No	WLC Roads & Transportation
Heritage Trail walking route (LPP 1.9) Promotion of the Mid Calder Heritage Trail as a pedestrian route, with improvements to active travel access routes to and along the trail.	No	WLC Public Art Officer, WLC Countryside Services, WLC Roads & Transportation
Woodlands access improvements (LPP 2.2) Improve entrances to Gasworks Brae and create paths to access Calder House pond.	No	WLC Countryside Services
Sommers Park Wood upkeep (LPP 2.3) Protect the park and introduce tree information labels.	No	WLC Open Space and WLC Trees and Woodland
Heritage enhancement (LPP 3.1) Improvements to street surfaces, shopfronts and street furniture to historical context	No – however, shopfront improvement could be covered by future planning guidance once LDP2 is adopted.	WLC Operational Services are responsible for street surface improvements and street furniture.

Project	Is this an opportunity that can be delivered through LDP2?	If no, what part of the council could consider this project?
standards along with repairs to older buildings.		Repairs to older buildings are a matter for individual property owners and Historic Environment Scotland providing grant funding.
Mid Calder Auld School (LPP 3.2) Maintain building to bring back into use for community use.	No	WLC Property Services
Mid Calder Institute Hall (LPP 3.3) Maintain building for existing community use.	No	WLC Property Services
New local play park (LPP 4.1) Provide a local play park / recreational facilities serving the residential areas around Braeside Park, Tennent Park and Ochiltree.	No	WLC Open Space
Youth club (LPP 4.2) Improve local provisions for youth groups and introduce a local facility. *[Linked to LPP 3.2]*	No	WLC Community Learning & Development, WLC Property Services
Community space (LPP 4.3) Provide a venue for a non-reservation-based community space. *[Linked to LPP 3.2]*	No	WLC Property Services
Mid Calder health service (LPP 4.4) Provide a new space for health services to serve the local community.	No	External organisation – NHS Lothian
Mobile services licencing (LPP 4.5) Designate an area of Avenue Park West car park for mobile services to provide essential services (e.g. banking) and other uses (e.g. food trucks)	No	WLC Operational Services

Project	Is this an opportunity that can be delivered through LDP2?	If no, what part of the council could consider this project?
Local food shop (LPP 4.6) Provision for a local fresh food shop to support local living and reduce car journeys to supermarkets outside the community.	No	Other – this would be for a private business or social enterprise. LDP2 and National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) give support in principle for healthy food outlets.

Murieston

Existing sites

LPP Site	Relevant LDP2 Allocation / Designation	Conformity with LDP2	Officer Assessment
LDP1 Ref H-LV 31 (Lyon Drive).	Housing	Y	Existing housing allocation proposed to be retained.

Change of use sites and sites protected from development

LPP Site Name and Requested Use Change / Protection	Relevant LDP2 Allocation / Designation	Conformity with LDP2	Officer Assessment
Change of use from countryside belt to proposed community use with a community hub at south east of Murieston East Road	Countryside belt / local biodiversity site	N	Site proposed to remain protected from development within countryside belt designation and as part of Murieston Water LBS. Full reasoning set out in West Lothian Landscape and Countryside Belt Review.
Part of LDP1 E-LV 46 site to be re-designated from employment to safeguarded open space.	Employment	In part	Linhouse Circular, route across railway to Linhouse Valley SSSI, and woodland to be protected as site requirements for development of the site.

LPP Site Name and Requested Use Change / Protection	Relevant LDP2 Allocation / Designation	Conformity with LDP2	Officer Assessment
Part of LDP1 E-LV 46 site to be allocated to Solar Farm development.	Employment	In part	Solar farm use is compatible with employment allocation.
Greenspace north of Murieston Valley east roundabout to be protected for future community use.	Open space	Y	Site proposed to remain protected with open space designation in LDP2.
Areas of Countryside Belt to the Northeast of LDP1 E-LV 46 site and the woodland strip to the Southwest (adjacent to Wellhead Farm development) be designated as Land Safeguarded for Open Space.	Countryside belt / local biodiversity site	N	Existing protections are considered sufficient. Site to remain as countryside belt in LDP2. Full reasoning set out in West Lothian Landscape and Countryside Belt Review.

LPP Policy or LDP2 Policy Request	Officer Assessment
Integrate Local Living and 20-minute Neighbourhood guidance within Economic Development and Growth policy.	The LDP2 spatial strategy will seek to deliver a local living approach through development of sites. This is required by NPF4 Policy 15.
Update LDP1 Policy HOU 4 with changes to affordable housing provision: • Priority Areas 1 requirement to 35% from 25% and threshold for commuted sums to <20 from <25. • Priority Areas 2 requirement to 20% from 15% and threshold for commuted sums to <30 from <40. • Priority Areas 3 requirement to 15% from 10% and threshold for commuted sums to <50 from <60.	LDP2 Policy 7 sets a requirement for development of 16 or more homes to provide 25% affordable housing on site. Monetary contributions towards affordable housing (commuted sums) will be taken for development between 5 and 15 homes.

LPP Policy or LDP2 Policy Request	Officer Assessment
Develop a transport and infrastructure developer contribution to be applied to all development within 3 kilometres of Livingston South railway station for improvements to station car parking facilities.	LDP2 does not identify the need for developer contributions to Livingston South railway station.

Project	Is this an opportunity that can be delivered through LDP2?	If no, what part of the council could consider this project?
Muireston Village Hall Protect the hall from closure until a long-term solution is secured.	N	WLC Property Services
Linhouse Circular car park Improve access to Linhouse Circular by developing a car park at Murieston Road.	Y - Land to be designated as open space, however this does not exclude potential car park use to facilitate access.	
Trail access improvements Improve access to trails south of Muireston to Linhouse Water Valley and progress to creating established trails with trail information/signage and more benches.	N	WLC Countryside Services
Linhouse Circular trail protection Protect land adjacent to paths at Linhouse Circular and provide screening from developments.	Y – as site requirements for development of Linhouse employment site	
Livingston South railway station cycle storage Secure cycle storage at Livingston South railway station with provision for electric bikes and charging points.	N	WLC Roads & Transportation and Network Rail
Greening Livingston South railway station Install planters at the station and provide opportunities for further greening.	N	Network Rail
Cycle hire scheme	N	WLC Roads & Transportation

Project	Is this an opportunity that can be delivered through LDP2?	If no, what part of the council could consider this project?
An electric cycle hire scheme operating across West Lothian.		
Keep existing Village Hall site Use of existing village hall site for expansion of the community garden, alternative community facilities and to support biodiversity.	N	WLC Property Services
Traffic management Introduce traffic flow measures and improve junction visibility to create a safer active travel environment.	N	WLC Roads & Transportation
Railway station footpath upgrades Improve condition of Muireston Water footpaths towards Livingston South railway station from Muireston Road/East Cairn View.	N	WLC Countryside Services / WLC Roads & Transportation
Bankton Park lighting improvements Improve lighting on footpaths around Bankton Park pitches.	N	WLC Street Lighting and WLC Open Space
Livingston South Integrated Mobility Hub Develop a mobility hub/interchange at Livingston South railway station with improved bus services (including a direct Livingston North via town centre and St. John's Hospital route), secure cycle storage, car club hire, EV charging and a two-level car park.	N	WLC Passenger Transport
Bridle Paths equestrian improvements Equestrian signage at key points and wider paths, with equestrian-only paths where possible.	N	WLC Countryside Services

Newton and Woodend

Existing sites
None.

Additional sites

LPP Site	Relevant LDP2 Allocation / Designation	Conformity with LDP2	Officer Assessment
LPP CS1: Proposed community use space on designated countryside belt south of Newton.	Countryside belt	N	Site to remain as countryside belt in LDP2. Full reasoning set out in West Lothian Landscape and Countryside Belt Review.
LPP TC1: Proposed car park on greenspace / designated Special Landscape Area at Main Street and Duddingston Terrace, and a local park to the west.	Special landscape area	N	Site to remain as special landscape area in LDP2. Full reasoning set out in West Lothian Landscape and Countryside Belt Review.

Change of use sites and sites protected from development
None.

Policies

LPP Policy or LDP2 Policy Request	Officer Assessment
LDP1 Policy DES 1 and LDP1 Policy TRAN 1 and 2 retained with further consideration of the impacts on the A904 route the Queensferry Crossing opening and Winchburgh expansion have had.	Policy DES 1 has been rationalised into Policy 1 in LDP2. NPF4 provides sufficient policy to assess transport impacts of planning application. A local policy is not considered to be required.

Projects

Project	Is this an opportunity that can be delivered through LDP2?	If no, what part of the council could consider this project?
A904 / Newton Main Street (LPP ES1) Introduction of traffic calming measures.	N	WLC Roads & Transportation
Old Quarry Woods Conservation (LPP BA1) Improvements to trail wayfinding and placemaking within Old Quarry Woods.	N	Not in council ownership – matter for Hopetoun Estates
A904 / Woodend west active travel (LPP TA1) Provision of walking and cycle infrastructure between Woodend and Hopetoun Farm Shop.	N	WLC Roads & Transportation
A904 / Newton east active travel (LPP TA2) Provision of walking and cycle infrastructure between Newton and South Queensferry.	N	WLC Roads & Transportation
Newton – Duntarvie active travel (LPP TA3) Provision of walking and cycle path/trail through countryside from Newton to Duntarvie Castle.	N	WLC Roads & Transportation and WLC Countryside Services
Quiet Roads (LPP TA4 & 5) Implementation of Quiet Road signage across Abercorn to Woodend and Woodend to Builyeon Road rural roads.	N	WLC Roads & Transportation
New Woodend A904/B8020 junction (LPP TA6) Proposed junction improvements (either traffic lights or a proposed roundabout) with associated traffic management and traffic calming measures.	N	WLC Roads & Transportation
Community garden (LPP CS1) Proposed allotments and community garden to the south	N	Land not in WLC ownership – matter for Hopetoun Estates

Project	Is this an opportunity that can be delivered through LDP2?	If no, what part of the council could consider this project?
of Duddingston Crescent housing.		
Parkhead Woods and curling pond (LPP CS2) Conservation and enhancement of Parkhead Woods and ponds, including reinstating the curling pond.	N	Not in council ownership – matter for Hopetoun Estates
Hopetoun Woods (LPP CS3) Reinstatement of footpaths from NCN 74 route to the shoreline along with replanting opportunities.	N	Not in council ownership – matter for Hopetoun Estates
Newton village green and car park (LPP TC1) Proposal for parking facilities serving residents and local businesses at Main Street/Duddingston Terrace junction with new community greenspace to the east and village green to the west.	N	Not in council ownership – matter for Hopetoun Estates

West Calder and Harburn

Existing sites

LPP Site	Relevant LDP2 Allocation / Designation	Conformity with LDP2	Officer Assessment
LDP1 Ref H-WC 1 (Cleugh Brae).	Housing	Y	Proposed for housing.
LDP1 Ref H-WC 2 (Mossend Site A).	Housing	Y	Remainder proposed for housing.
LDP1 Ref H-WC 3 (Mossend Site B).	White land in settlement boundary	In part	Proposed deallocation due to completion of site.
LDP1 Ref H-WC 4 (Mossend Remainder).	Housing, White land in settlement boundary	Y	Remainder proposed for housing. Part of H-WC 4 is not allocated, as it will be

LPP Site	Relevant LDP2 Allocation / Designation	Conformity with LDP2	Officer Assessment
			complete by 2028 when the LDP2 period starts.
LDP1 Ref H-WC 5 (Burngrange).	White land in settlement boundary	N	Planning permission in principle granted for less than 5 units. Proposed to be deallocated.

Additional sites

None.

Change of use sites and sites protected from development

LPP Site Name and Requested Use Change / Protection	Relevant LDP2 Allocation / Designation	Conformity with LDP2	Officer Assessment
LPP C4: Community garden to be protected for existing community use / open space.	Open space	Y	Proposed open space designation within Polbeth settlement boundary.

LPP Policy or LDP2 Policy Request	Officer Assessment
None specified	N/A

Project	Is this an opportunity that can be delivered through LDP2?	If no, what part of the council could consider this project?
Pavement upgrades Upgrade local pavements along with safe crossing points for school journeys and accessibility improvements to walking routes.	N	WLC Roads and Transportation
Main Street traffic measures Double yellow lines along the length of Main Street and a four-way traffic light system	N	WLC Roads and Transportation

Project	Is this an opportunity that can be delivered through LDP2?	If no, what part of the council could consider this project?
introduced at A71/Cleuchbrae/Kirkgate junction.		
B7008 railway bridge Traffic lights introduced at the railway bridge on the B7008 at Harburn.	N	WLC Roads and Transportation
Vacant business units Vacant West Lothian Council business units to be made temporarily available to community groups at a low/nominal rent.	N	WLC Property Services

4.2 Conformity Assessment – Communities Call for Ideas

Communities Call for Ideas — Site Suggestions and Sites for Protection from Development

Site	Relevant LDP2 Allocation / Designation	Conformity with LDP2	Officer Assessment
Kettilstoun Mains / Woodland and Avon Lagoon – de-allocate site for housing and protect against development. **79 submissions**	Local biodiversity site outside settlement boundary.	Yes	Deallocation of site proposed.
Sight Scotland Veterans Linburn Centre, Wilkieston and Linburn walled garden – de-allocate site for housing and protect against development. **12 submissions**	Housing	N	Site allocated for housing development but walled garden to be protected from development.
Working with West Lothian Council and	Housing	In part	Site allocated for housing development but Military

Site	Relevant LDP2 Allocation / Designation	Conformity with LDP2	Officer Assessment
Sight Scotland Veterans, together we can create a fantastic and much needed veterans' hub/retreat. Let Military Museum Scotland expand and have a permanent base. **2 submissions**			Museum should be retained on site.
Glendevon Winchburgh – ensure Glendevon Pond, Glendevon Lane and surrounding fields are protected from development. **10 submissions**	Open Space	Yes	It is not proposed to allocate the area around Glendevon Pond for development. It is proposed that this area is designated as open space to protect it from development.
Chestnut Grove, Craigshill – redevelop the site as a regeneration project with accessible low-level housing/bungalows alongside standard houses to create an integrated street. **6 submissions**	No specific designation – 'white land'	Y	It is not proposed to allocate this site as a specific proposal. If a proposal came forward for the redevelopment of the site then Policy 4 (Housing in towns and villages) will apply.
Five Sisters Freeport Shopping Village – rezone for Leisure, either for an International Motocross Centre and/or a large Multi Sports Complex	Mixed use opportunity site		Not proposed to allocate the site specifically for this purpose but leisure uses may be acceptable.

Site	Relevant LDP2 Allocation / Designation	Conformity with LDP2	Officer Assessment
Vacant/derelict site on Blackridge Main Street – use for a new convenience store	No specific designation – 'white land'	Y	No specific designation for this site. If a proposal came forward for the redevelopment of the site then there will be support in principle through NPF4 policy 15 for small scale neighbourhood retailing. The housing site that is under construction at Craiginn Terrace does propose a shop unit as part of the development.
Land south-east of Pumpherston – protect the surrounding farm land and walking trails from development. Keep as countryside belt.	Countryside belt	Y	Continued designation as countryside belt.
Wilcoxholm Farm – de-allocate both fields on either side of the canal earmarked for development in the current LDP and leave them as agricultural fields.	Housing and open space	N	The southern half of the Wilcoxholm Farm site remains allocated for housing. The northern half of the site has been de-allocated and is designated as open space in LDP2.
Letham Primary School – redevelop for housing	Opportunity site	Y	General support for developing this site for housing.
Former Victoria Halls site, High Street, Linlithgow –	Opportunity site	N	The Victoria Halls site is in private ownership and has a live planning permission for flats with shops at

Site	Relevant LDP2 Allocation / Designation	Conformity with LDP2	Officer Assessment
Turn the vacant space into a gated community, fully accessible sensory garden. Use as skate park and open space for markets etc.			ground floor. following demolition of the building.
Fields across from Southdale – Build medium density housing in the unused area around Armadale train station	Housing with neighbourhood centre	Y	LDP2 sets out that medium to high density housing is supported at this part of the Southdale development.
Pasture meadow immediately to the north of Newton Main Street – give significant mature trees protected status via TPOs.	Local landscape area	N	The area north of Main Street is designated as a local landscape area in LDP2. Requests for TPOs are dealt with separately to LDP2.
Burghmuir, Linlithgow - Protect this area from development. Local place plan suggests new road here, but this is an outdated proposal, not justified by traffic levels or demand. Invest in cycling and walking routes instead, and safe routes for horse riders.	Countryside belt	Y	LDP2 designates Burghmuir as countryside belt.
M9 J3 - Do not build a 4-way motorway junction.	Transport proposal	N	This proposal is required to improve the traffic flow

Site	Relevant LDP2 Allocation / Designation	Conformity with LDP2	Officer Assessment
			and air quality of Linlithgow High Street.
Main Street Winchburgh to Faucheldean – protect this area from further development	Countryside belt	Y	The area between Winchburgh and Faucheldean is designated as countryside belt in LDP2. This aims to protect this area from development and preserve Faucheldean's identity.
Gowanbank – tree preservation	Conservation area	Y	Trees at Gowanbank are protected as the area is designated as a conservation area.
Land between and south of 92 -96 Main Street. Area H-WB1 in LDP1. The site should remain untouched as natural woodland as part of the proposed Hawkhill Neighbourhood Park and be de-allocated for housing.	Open Space	Y	LDP2 removes this housing site and designates the land as protected open space.
Designate the coastal area to the north of the A904 as it transits West Lothian as a Special Landscape Area.	Local landscape area	Y	The coastal area north of the A904 is designated as a local landscape area in LDP2.
Protect the Niddry valley and Ecclesmachan by extending the current Special Landscape Area eastwards to the	Countryside belt	Y	These areas were designated as countryside belt in LDP1 and this designation will continue into LDP2.

Site	Relevant LDP2 Allocation / Designation	Conformity with LDP2	Officer Assessment
edge of Ecclesmachan Create a new Special Landscape Area, to the east of Ecclesmachan running as far as Hopetoun Bing and bounded on the north by the C19 and on the south west by the Broxburn / Uphall community woodland and on the south east by the U16 road. This involves deleting the proposed link road from the Local Development Plan.			The Countryside Belts and Landscape Designations Review did not propose additional Local Landscape Areas for these locations. LDP2 proposes retention of the Broxburn to Winchburgh link road.
Protect Threemiletown by creating a new Special Landscape Area between Threemiletown and Winchburgh, bounded on the north by the canal and on the south by the C19.	Countryside belt	Y	This area was designated as countryside belt in LDP1 and this designation will continue into LDP2. The Countryside Belts and Landscape Designations Review did not propose an additional Local Landscape Area for this location. The study supports continued designation of a countryside belt at this location.
Protect cycling, walking and horse-riding use of the C19 by creating a new Special Landscape	Countryside belt	N	This area was designated as countryside belt in LDP1 and this designation will continue into LDP2.

Site	Relevant LDP2 Allocation / Designation	Conformity with LDP2	Officer Assessment
Area which is a 100m strip on the north of the C19 running from the eastern boundary of the Special Landscape Area mentioned above to the western edge of Faucheldean (including the Faucheldean community woodland). The aim of this strip is to allow further housing development as proposed by Winchburgh Development Corporation but to prevent it from being joined to the C19 other than for pedestrians and cyclists.			The Countryside Belts and Landscape Designations Review did not propose an additional Local Landscape Area for this location. The study supports continued designation of a countryside belt at this location. The currently approved Winchburgh Masterplan shows a link road with vehicular access on to the C19. The final access arrangements to the C19 will be determined through a detailed planning application.
Land inclusive of Winchburgh Development sites A-J – consider revoking allocation of land for development. These development blocks go against the LDP1 Environmental Policy sections 1 - 11. The developments are also contrary to NPF4 policy 7 i) as development here would result in adverse impacts on	Housing	N	Blocks A to J of the Winchburgh Masterplan have planning permission and this permission has been implemented. This permission cannot be revoked given it is a live planning application.

Site	Relevant LDP2 Allocation / Designation	Conformity with LDP2	Officer Assessment
the rural character, and NPF4 policy 5 (Soils) as it would result in the loss of prime agricultural land. The LDP allocation is further contrary to LDP Policy EMG 2 Flooding due to the sloping topography of the land as water retention.			

Communities Call for Ideas — Policy Suggestions

Suggested Policy	Officer Assessment
No additional housing allocation in Winchburgh without the delivery of a train station and better public services. **2 submissions**	LDP2 does not propose further housing allocations beyond the existing allocations in LDP1.
Creation of park and ride facilities at all town centres to encourage more bus/train use for work/leisure.	There is support in LDP2 for sustainable travel. Proposals for park and ride facilities will be supported where they can be appropriately located.
The City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) has recently approved its LDP City Plan to 2030 which requires 35% of new housing provision in development proposals for approval to be 'affordable'. Of this, 70% will be social housing for rent. West Lothian Council (WLC)'s current policy is for 20% of new homes to be 'affordable'. WLC should adopt a policy at least equivalent to that of Edinburgh.	LDP2 Policy 7: Affordable housing sets a requirement for development of 16 or more homes to provide 25% affordable housing on site. Monetary contributions towards affordable housing (commuted sums) will be taken for development between 5 and 15 homes.
A policy on identifying spaces to park in towns where housing development has been agreed in Local Place Plans and development proposals for housing and industry/ commerce.	Parking in towns is a separate matter to the planning process.

Suggested Policy	Officer Assessment
	The planning system can only ensure there is sufficient parking for new developments but not a wider town or village.
I feel that Almondell Country Park should have extensive areas linked in to it which allow wildlife corridors as well as providing open rural areas for people to walk in. I am aware of potential developments around this area and am concerned about the loss to the local community of rural walking.	LDP2 does not propose any development within Almondell Country Park. The Country Park is protected as a Local Biodiversity Site, Local Geodiversity Site and Local Landscape Area.
Please ensure when you are building affordable housing you consider nursery placements and public transport availability/timings.	Access to public transport has been considered when examining housing sites in LDP2. Nursery placements are determined through the Care Inspectorate capacity and the amount of staffing required.
There's a real shortage of 2 bed bungalows, and bungalows with bathrooms (as opposed to wet floor showers).	LDP2 policy 6: housing needs that sets out that developments of 16 or more homes are required to include a range of house types, including accessible and adaptable homes. This includes bungalows.
Build more affordable new builds 2 or 3 bedroom houses or flats in Linlithgow.	LDP2 policy 6: housing needs that sets out that developments of 16 or more homes are required to include a range of house types.
Policy on Local and Regional aspects of parking locations and capacity to support increased use of public transport.	LDP2 through its Transport Appraisal has taken account of regional and local (WLC) priorities for increasing public transport use.
WLC should not, under any circumstances, allow planning permission for housing and commercial development until the lack of parking in our towns is urgently dealt with.	Parking in towns is a separate matter to the planning process. The planning system can only ensure there is sufficient parking for new developments but not a wider town or village.
Policy to ensure more extensive bus services.	The provision of bus services is a matter for bus operators.

Suggested Policy	Officer Assessment
Policy to ensure more access to natural outdoor spaces.	Housing sites in LDP2 will seek to link to parks, nature sites and footpath links where this is possible.
Please stop building white houses! They look awful after 2 years.	Design standards, including materials for new housing, will be set through guidance on design once LDP2 is published.
I would be keen to see WLC maximise opportunities to preserve, protect and promote biodiversity in local areas. I would like to see the LDP prioritise the natural environment over increased development, for example by creating protected wildlife corridors around existing town boundaries and stopping destruction of hedgerows to facilitate new roads and homes for humans at the cost of those for wildlife.	LDP2 seeks to balance new development with preserving and enhancing biodiversity. LDP2 takes account of the West Lothian Nature Network and looks to enable its growth.
Important destinations in Linlithgow should all be analysed with respect to access by bike and foot. Main roads leading to the town centre should all be assessed to provide safe cycling conditions.	LDP2 sites have been assessed for access and connections to key facilities. Where required sites provide links for active travel, including for cycling.
When granting planning permission for any development likely to attract the public, including public buildings and private buildings, cycle parking of the Sheffield rack design should be required. In the case of small businesses such as shops in a High Street this requirement could be met by paying the Council to install a couple of Sheffield racks on the footway nearby. Should there already be such public bike parking in existence within a specified distance of the premises, then the requirement could be disregarded. In the case of larger businesses or public buildings the bike parking should normally be closer to the main entrance than the nearest car space (other than disabled car spaces).	Cycle parking is a requirement for flatted development. Any scheme for small businesses paying towards the installation of cycle racks is not a matter for the planning process.

Suggested Policy	Officer Assessment
Consideration should be given to seeking developer contributions from traffic generating developments in Winchburgh and Broxburn to fund efforts to reduce the traffic impact on surrounding rural areas and other local choke points.	There are no current proposals for developer contributions for this purpose.

Communities Call for Ideas — Suggested Projects

Project	Is this an opportunity that can be delivered through LDP2?	If no, what part of the council could consider this project?
Maidlands / Springfield Estate - canal access at Maidlands (i.e. Springfield estate to the canal) should be delivered, ideally accompanied by improvements at the road junction. **4 submissions**	Yes – link to open space proposal at Wilcoxholm needs to link to Canal Towpath. Liaison with Scottish Canals required	
Edinburgh Road - Segregated onroad cycle provision should be considered from the High Port junction as far as Maidlands, to connect to the minor road under the railway, leading to Springfield. **2 submissions**	Could be considered as requirement of Wilcoxholm development. Otherwise WLC Roads and Transportation.	WLC Roads and Transportation
Linlithgow High Street – construct a 2-way cycle path on the north side of the High Street. **2 submissions**	Could be supported by Former Victoria Halls and Templars Court opportunity sites.	WLC Roads and Transportation
Winchburgh – construct a footpath joining Tippet Knowes to Church Place	Could be considered as requirement of Glendevon South development. Otherwise WLC Countryside Services.	WLC Countryside Services

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Faucheldean Road - Add a footpath or shared cycle/pedestrian path	N	WLC Countryside Services / WLC Roads and Transportation
Set up a pathway between Dedridge and Asda/river almond skate park.	N	WLC Countryside Services / WLC Roads and Transportation / External organisation - Livingston Centre Management
Camps (East Calder) to Uphall Station – enhance the old railway path as an active travel route. Should be surfaced and lit, and could be connected into Calderwood.	N	WLC Countryside Services
Bathgate train station - develop into a transport hub with a revamped bus station, electric cycle on demand scheme, and a single taxi rank for Bathgate established.	N	WLC Passenger Transport / external organisation – Network Rail
Niddry Road to Greendykes Road - Reinstate the footpath between Winchburgh and Broxburn.	N	WLC Countryside Services
Newton - Pedestrian and cycle path following A904 from east end of Newton village to Edinburgh City Boundary (west end of South Queensferry - Headrig Road).	Y - P-109 in LDP1 - proposal to be carried forward in LDP2	
South of Midseat Cottage – A footpath to join the footpaths from Stoneyburn with the path along the old railway line East of East Whitburn.	N	WLC Countryside Services
Newton/Woodend – Construct an active path from Newton to connect with the cycle and	No opportunities from LDP2 sites. Planning permission granted in Nov 2025 for active	

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pedestrian access recently installed at Winchburgh.	travel link between Newton and M9 Winchburgh junction 1B. Continue support for this project.	
Polbeth Road – provide safe foot/cycle paths to connect Polbeth road to the Village of Polbeth.	N	WLC Countryside Services
Canal Bridge next to Canal Centre/Manse Road - Consider a new road (via St Michael's?) to take pressure off the bridge.	N	WLC Roads and Transportation
Broxburn - Create a new play park/community space	Play provision / open space to be fully assessed in council's Open Space Strategy and for any sites proposed in LDP2.	WLC Open Space
Develop a signed “quietway” network for pedestrians and cyclists to access points of interest in Linlithgow.	N	WLC Town Centre and Tourism Manager / WLC Roads and Transportation
King Street, Bathgate - redevelop the old rail line into a walkway and cycle path directly linking the town centre and the rail station.	N	WLC Roads & Transportation
Road running south from Manse Road - Construct a path just inside the field on the east side leaving Linlithgow on the continuation of Manse Road. Construct a gate into the new Hiltly plantation and therefore access to Beecraigs by the Hiltly Farm access junction.	N	WLC Countryside Services and WLC Roads & Transportation. This project would rely on private landowners allowing the construction of footpaths and gates.
North side of A904 just west of Dougal Philp’s garden centre - construct a cycle path along the	N	WLC Countryside Services and WLC Roads & Transportation

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verge here to allow access to the garden centre and the minor road on the opposite side of the A904 leading to Duntarvie.		
Junction of Clifton Road and Sandilands Road (East Calder) - Needs to have safe cycling provision and a safe walking route linking to Lost Shore & Jupiter Artland destinations.	N	WLC Roads & Transportation
Bathgate town centre - Provide a through route for cycling from the Tesco cycle path, the path from Broxburn that ends before you can get to the academy, past the train station and into the town centre. Then out from the town centre to join up with the new path that heads to Whitburn.	N	WLC Roads & Transportation
Installation of walkways and cycleways connecting the main towns in West Lothian. The cycleway design needs to allow cyclists to maintain full speed without obstacle. The walkways need to be separate and dedicated to walkers.	N – LDP2 shows the Core Path Network and National Cycle Network on the Proposals Map.	WLC Roads & Transportation The council and developers normally construct active travel footpaths at 3 metres wide. This is usually shared by pedestrians and cyclists with no segregation. Segregated cycle paths take up a larger footprint and it is often not possible to construct them in existing road / land corridors.
Build a multi-use path from Ecclesmachan to Threemiletown. The B8046 is too busy and too narrow to	No, however, Roads & Transportation are progressing a project to deliver an active	WLC Roads & Transportation

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allow cycling and walking, and the residents of Threemiletown feel cut off. The proposed path running parallel to the road was in the 2018 Local Development Plan but no progress was made.	travel route between Threemiletown and Uphall. This is noted as a transport proposal in LDP2.	
Linlithgow leisure centre car park - WLC to support site potential to include solar car port for energy generation for the leisure centre and to provide high speed EV charging points to the west of the town centre.	N	External organisation – West Lothian Leisure

5. Appendices

All registered Local Place Plans are provided in the appendix to this paper.

- Appendix A: Registered Local Place Plans (full documents)