



## Proposals for Regulations on Local Place Plans

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Yes

No

*We would welcome further discussions.*

*We are concerned that there is insufficient linkage between the LPP process and community ownership (or community control through long lease) as the means to deliver community aspirations expressed in the LPP – this should be clearly signposted in the supporting guidance. Whilst community ownership will not always be the preferred solution, in many cases it will deliver a broader range of social and local economic benefits than external, for-profit development.*

*We are also concerned that it is unclear whether agreed Local Place Plans will be given due priority and weight as a material consideration or have any meaningful influence on decision-making. If community energy is to be expended on LPPs then communities will need confidence that their commitment is well placed. Where planning decisions conflict with an agreed LPP communities should have a right of appeal.*

## Consultation Questions

**1. Do you agree with the proposal that community bodies should have regard to any Locality Plan that is in place for the area under consideration when preparing their Local Place Plan?**

- Yes ✓
- No
- No view

**Please comment on your answer (particularly if you do not agree)**

**Yes, but the regard should be to any relevant Locality Plans**

**2. Do you consider that community bodies should have to have regard to other additional matters beyond the Locality Plan when preparing their Local Place Plan?**

- Yes
- No
- No view

**Please comment on your answer, giving examples (particularly if you agree)**

**Yes, there should be regard to e.g. Community Action Plans, but this should be guidance not a legal requirement**

**3. Do you agree with the proposal that an LPP should contain a statement setting out the community's proposals plus a map of the area, setting out the LPP boundary?**

- Yes✓
- No
- No view

**Please comment on your answer (particularly if you do not agree)**

**Yes**

**4. Do you think a requirement for the community body to engage and seek the views of people to assist in the preparation of an LPP should be set out in law?**

- Yes✓
- No
- No view

**Please comment on your answer**

Yes, but any requirements must be genuinely light-touch and helpful, rather than designed to over-complicate the process.

**5. If a requirement to seek the views of people is put into law, what should any minimum requirement be?**

**6. Do you agree with the proposal that there should be a minimum statutory requirement on the community body to consult the community once a draft LPP has been prepared and before submitting an LPP?**

- Yes ✓
- No
- No view

**Please comment on your answer (particularly if you do not agree)**

**Yes**

**7. If a requirement to consult across the community on the content of a draft LPP is to be put into law, what should any minimum requirement be?**

Draft LPP published online for 4 weeks (with accessible versions available on request)

**8. Do you agree with the proposal that the community body should seek the views of ward councillors when preparing the LPP?**

- Yes ✓
- No
- No view

Please comment on your answer - particularly if you do not agree or have a view as to how ward councillors' views should be taken into account or reported?

**Yes, but ward councillors' views should be given the same weight as other local residents**

**9. Do you agree that, alongside the LPP itself, the community body should submit a statement on how it has complied with the legal requirements?**

- Yes
- No ✓
- No view

Please comment on your answer (particularly if you do not agree)

**10. Do you agree the requirements planning authorities have to keep the register of local place plans should be aligned to the existing arrangements for registers?**

- Yes ✓
- No
- No view

Please comment on your answer (particularly if you do not agree)

**11. Do you agree that the additional information provided by the community body alongside the LPP should be kept on the register of local place plans?**

- Yes
- No ✓
- No view

Please comment on your answer (particularly if you do not agree)

**It is unclear how this would operate in practice, and whether the expectation to produce such additional information would simply add to the burden on community bodies.**

**12. Please provide your views on the level and content of information to be placed on the register.**

**The register should contain adopted LPPs**

**13. Do you agree with the proposal that a planning authority may remove an LPP from the register once it has been taken into account in the LDP, and must do so when requested by the community body that prepared it?**

- Yes
- No ✓
- No view

**Please comment on your answer (particularly if you do not agree)**

**The Community body's confirmation should be required before removal**

**14. Do you agree the requirements planning authorities have for making the map of local place plans available should be aligned to the existing arrangements for registers?**

- Yes ✓
- No
- No view

**Please comment on your answer (particularly if you do not agree)**

**15. Please give us any views you have on the content of these partial assessments.**

**16. Do you have or can you direct us to any information that would assist in finalising these assessments?**

**17. Please give us your views on the Fairer Scotland Duty and Strategic Environmental Assessment screening documents and our conclusion that full assessments are not required.**

**18. If you consider that full assessments are required, please suggest any information sources that could help inform these assessments?**