

Appendix 3 – Pre Main Issues Report Questionnaire



West Lothian
Council

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – IT'S YOUR PLAN, PLEASE GET INVOLVED (DRAFT QUESTIONNAIRE FOR WEBSITE, CIS OFFICES AND LIBRARIES)

Local Development Plan Preparation

West Lothian Council is required to prepare a Local Development Plan (LDP) for West Lothian. Preparation of the LDP is a requirement of the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006.

The LDP and the Strategic Development Plan (SDP), currently being prepared by SESplan, the Strategic Development Planning Authority, will form the statutory Development Plan for West Lothian. The SDP sets out the strategic vision for the area and provides the context for preparation of the LDP. The LDP will set out detailed policies and proposals to inform development and land use to inform and aid planning decisions. This is important as Section 25 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 requires that planning applications be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The first stage in producing the LDP is the publication of the Main Issues Report (MIR) which will set out the Council's general proposals for local policy development and land use within West Lothian, assessing both preferred and alternative options. The MIR will identify the key priorities for the Council in terms of development.

What is the purpose of the Local Development Plan Main Issues Report?

- * To stimulate debate and discussion on the proposed approach, alternatives for development and land use within West Lothian;
- * Front load the system to speed up the overall decision making process.
- * Provide an opportunity for the wider public to get involved and comment.

How do I get involved in the process?

The questionnaire is intended to provide you with an early opportunity to input into the publication of the MIR. We would like your views on what you consider to be the main issues in terms of policy and land use within West Lothian.

Further details on the process and timescales for preparing the LDP are contained within the Development Plan Scheme on the councils website at the following web link:

<http://www.westlothian.gov.uk/1210/161/178/>

This questionnaire must be returned by 29 April 2011.

Local Development Plan - The Questionnaire

Section1: Contact Details

Please fill in your details below so that we are able to keep you up to date with the progress of the West Lothian Local Development Plan

Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

First Name:

Surname:

House name and number:

Address:

Town/City:

Postcode:

Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

e-mail address:

Section 2: Key Topics

Please rank what you consider to be the 5 most important key priorities for West Lothian from the list below . (Please note that if you make a mistake, the page can be reset using the button at the bottom of the page). Select 5 only and number from 1 to 5, 1 being your top priority

Subject/Rank	1	2	3	4	5
Creating a sense of place and community spirit					
Provision of community facilities (recreation and leisure)					
Promoting West Lothian as a tourist destination					
Sustainable retail and shopping provision					
Adequate provision of infrastructure (water supply and foul drainage)					
Addressing flooding concerns					
Improvements and provision of new roads and transport networks					

Subject/Rank	1	2	3	4	5
Creation and retention of employment opportunities					
Development of appropriate renewable energy developments					
Provision of affordable housing					
Provision of new housing for sale / to buy					
Ensuring good design in new development					
Protection of European Protected Species					
Preservation and enhancement of built heritage (conservation areas, archaeological sites and listed buildings)					
Protection and enhancement of the natural environment					
Safeguard and enhancement of local biodiversity					
Improvements to school capacities to help support further development in West Lothian					
Continue to develop the role of schools to provide additional community provision in the form of nursery, meeting rooms, halls, pools and sports facilities to local communities					
Other Issues – please add and rank accordingly					

Section 3: Major Land Use Issues

Housing Provision - tick the statement you most agree with (1 only):

More land should be allocated for housing:

There is sufficient land allocated for housing:

There is too much land allocated for housing:

Affordable Housing Provision – tick the statement you most agree with (1 only):

The council should reduce its requirements for affordable housing provision:

The council should introduce higher percentage requirements for affordable housing:

The council should maintain its present affordable housing requirements:

Employment Opportunities – tick the statement you most agree with:

More office/industrial land should be allocated:

The development of offices/industrial land should carry on at the same rate:

There is too much office/industrial land allocated at present:

Sustainable Retail and Shopping Provisions (to what extent do you agree with the statements)

Statement/Rank	Strongly Agree	Agree	No view	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The variety of shops available is satisfactory					
Shops are well located within settlements					
Town centres display vitality and viability					
Prime retail frontages are vibrant and prosperous places					
There is a requirement for more supermarkets within settlements					

Community Facilities and Sense of Place (to what extent do you agree with the statements)

Statement/Rank	Strongly Agree	Agree	No View	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
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There are sufficient community facilities					
Community facilities are in appropriate locations					
There is a strong sense of place within the area					

Promoting West Lothian as a tourist destination (to what extent do you agree with the statements)

Statement/Rank	Strongly Agree	Agree	No View	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
There are sufficient tourist attractions within the West Lothian					
The Council is doing enough to promote the area as a tourist destination					

Infrastructure and Flooding (to what extent do you agree with the statements)

Statement/Rank	Strongly Agree	Agree	No View	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The Council has adequate measures in place to deal with flood risk					
Infrastructure (water supply and foul drainage) is satisfactory					
Roads and transport networks are satisfactory and regularly improved					
The Council is doing enough to encourage development of renewable technologies in a sustainable manner					

Natural Environment and Biodiversity (to what extent do you agree with the statements)

Statement/Rank	Strongly Agree	Agree	No View	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

The Council is doing enough to protect wildlife and habitats from harmful developments					
The Council is doing enough to protect open spaces and parks from harmful development					

Design and Built Heritage (to what extent do you agree with the statements)

Statement/Rank	Strongly Agree	Agree	No View	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
New development continues to satisfactorily demonstrate a high standard of design					
The Council is doing enough to protect and enhance conservation areas					
The Council is doing enough to protect and enhance listed buildings					
The Council is doing enough to protect and enhance the built heritage of the area					
The Council is doing enough to promote regeneration within settlements					

Please use this space below to make any additional points that have not been covered above

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

This questionnaire can be made available on tape, in large print and various computer formats by contacting us at the address below. In addition, contact the address below for information on language translations.

Development Planning, Planning and Economic Development, West Lothian Council, County

Buildings, High Street, Linlithgow, West Lothian, EH49 7EZ
Contact 01506 775231
E-mail: localdevelopmentplan@westlothian.gov.uk



Equality Monitoring Questionnaire

We would be grateful if all parties completing the questionnaire would fill in the below form.

Please ✓ or write in boxes below as appropriate

AGE	Date of Birth:		
GENDER	Male:		Female:

ETHNIC GROUP (Please select only one category from either section A, B, C, D, E or F)

A. White			
Scottish:		Welsh:	
English:		Northern Irish:	
British:		Irish:	
Gypsy/ Traveller:		Polish:	
Any other White ethnic group please write in:			

B. Mixed or multiple ethnic groups
Any Mixed background please write in:

C. Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British			
Pakistani, Pakistani Scottish or Pakistani British:		Indian, Indian Scottish or Indian British:	
Bangladeshi, Bangladeshi Scottish or Bangladeshi British:		Chinese, Chinese Scottish or Chinese British:	
Other, please write in:			

D. African, Caribbean or Black			
African, African Scottish or African British:		Caribbean, Caribbean Scottish or Caribbean British:	
Black, Black Scottish or Black British:			
Other, please write in:			

E. Other ethnic group			
Arab, Arab Scottish or Arab British:			
Other, please write in:			

F. Other Ethnic Background

Any other background please write in:

West Lothian
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DISABILITY			
Do you have any of the following conditions which have lasted, or are expected to last, at least 12 months?			
Deafness or partial hearing loss:		Blindness or partial sight loss:	
A learning disability		A learning difficult or developmental disorder:	
A mental health condition:		A long-term illness, disease or condition	
Physical disability:		No disability:	

SEXUAL ORIENTATION			
Bisexual:		Gay man:	
Gay woman/ lesbian:		Heterosexual/ straight:	
Other:		Prefer not to say:	

RELIGION OR BELIEF			
Buddhist:		Church of Scotland:	
Hindu:		Jewish:	
Muslim:		No religion:	
Other Christian:		Pagan:	
Roman Catholic:		Sikh:	
Other:		Prefer not to say:	

CARING RESPONSIBILITIES			
Do you have caring responsibilities for a child or children or for anyone else (e.g. a family member, a friend, a neighbour, etc)? (Please select all that apply)			
Adult dependant:		Any other dependants under 18:	
Adult dependant with a disability:		None:	
Children under 18 with a disability:		Prefer not to say:	
Children under 16:			

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