Any questions

Why should I come to these meetings?
You should attend if you want to help influence the type of development that may occur in the Buchanan area. National Park planners will use these meetings to help inform the preparation of the next local development plan for the area, which guides and controls future development.

Do I need to attend both meetings?
No, whilst it would be better if you could come along to both, we appreciate that not everyone will manage. If you attend the Community Council meeting you will be able to hear about all the different development proposals in your area. If you come along to either of the workshops you will have the opportunity to discuss the different development proposals in more detail and share your views.

What if I can’t come along to either?
Don’t worry if you can’t attend, there are lots of ways to keep up to date and share your views. We update our website www.ourlivepark.com regularly. Or for the very latest updates and chance to comment, you can follow us on Twitter @ourlivepark and at www.facebook.com/ourlivepark
You can also submit any comments to us by email livepark@lochlomond-trossachs.org or in writing to:
Forward Planning team,
Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park,
Carrochan Road,
Balloch, G83 8EG.

Why are you having two meetings?
We want to keep the workshops short and focussed so we are using some time at the Community Council meeting to re-cap, ensure that all development ideas and proposals are identified and that people are aware of these. Also, by doing this it means that people have a chance to gather their thoughts in advance of the workshop.

What if people disagree? How will you decide what development can and cannot take place?
It is highly likely that people will disagree! Development is a very emotive issue that can provoke a range of opinions. That is why we need to have workshops like this to allow everyone to share their differing perspectives, to consider these and to try and reach a preferred approach. We will use these workshops as a way of helping us to identify what the future planning strategy for the area should be.

What happens afterwards?
We will share the output of the workshops at www.ourlivepark.com
We will prepare a new draft plan – called a Proposed Plan. This will represent our view on what the new development strategy should be for the Buchahan area and will include detail on where there are development opportunities and constraints, as well where infrastructure improvements are required.

We will consult on this in 2015 and there will be opportunity to comment again on what we are suggesting at this stage – www.ourlivepark.com will include updates on the timescales for the consultation.
Planning for the future of your community

You can have your say on what is needed in Buchanan. Planners from the National Park want to work with you, your community, landowners and businesses to agree development opportunities and constraints within your area over the next 20 years.

There are two opportunities to get involved coming up very soon.

1 Community Council Meeting
Monday 3 November 2014 – 7pm

We will be coming along to the Buchanan Community Council meeting to promote the forthcoming planning workshop. We will:

- summarise all the work done so far
- highlight what’s been said about planning and development in the area
- re-cap on the development proposals that we know about
- invite people to share any new ideas or plans that they may have

It is hoped that by the end of the meeting everyone will be aware of what development is proposed and what new development ideas might come forward in the future.

We will then be able to use our time together at the planning workshop (outlined opposite) to discuss these and work with you to help identify possible opportunities for future development, as well as areas that should be safeguarded.

2 Planning workshops
Saturday 22 November 2014

10am-12pm  Balmaha, Rowardennan and everywhere in between!
1pm-3pm  Corridor area between Balmaha and Drymen

These will be highly participative workshop sessions. We will work in groups, using maps to plot and discuss key sites, and the issues and opportunities for each in turn. We will explore positive and negative impacts of possible development proposals with a view to reaching a shared view on what the local development plan might support over the short, medium and longer term. This builds on our recent Main Issues Report consultation.

For more information you can call us on 01389 722108 or send an email to hello@ourlivepark.com

Hope to see you there!