

Engaging on Community Place Planning in the National Park

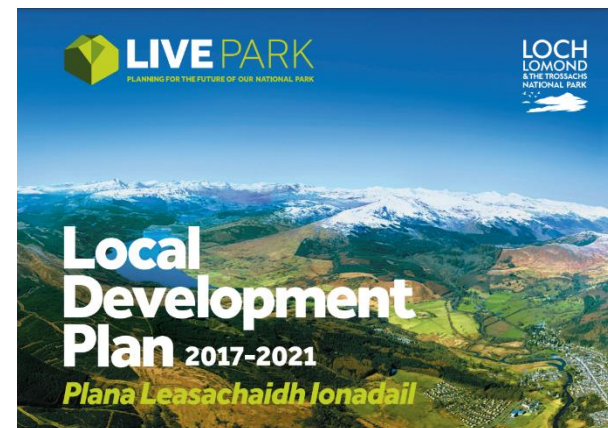
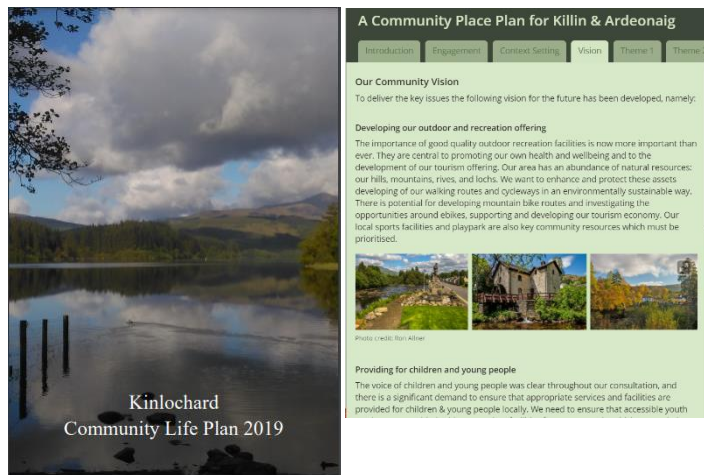
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Local Place Plans (LPPS) Context

- What on earth are they and where did they come from?
 - LPPs are one of the Scottish Government's key proposals contained in The Planning (Scotland) Act aimed at improving public engagement and involvement in the planning system
 - Providing a new avenue for communities to feed into the development plan system with enhanced legal status than previous community led plans.
 - They are new type of plan giving people an opportunity to develop proposals for the development and use of land in the place where they live.
 - They aim to stimulate and encourage debate about the future of a place, enabling communities to focus on their aspirations as well as their needs.

Local Place Plans and Planning System

- Each planning authority prepares a Local Development Plan which gives the policy framework from which planning application decisions are made.
- The idea for Local Place Plans is that they enable a community to prepare a plan focused specifically on their local area, capitalising on local knowledge.
- A new Local Development Plan will **“take into account”** any **registered** Local Place Plans and this will enable communities to have a more direct role in the decisions that influence their place.



What does the legislation say?

Legislation – Planning Act	Regulations	How to Guide
<p>A community body may prepare a local place plan</p> <p>A local place plan is a proposal as to the development or use of land</p> <p>If a community body considers that the Local Development Plan should be amended, it may set out its reasons.</p>	<p>Consultation has been undertaken on the Regulations which close on 25th June</p> <p>Draft Regulations sought to be light touch in requirements.</p> <p>The Regulations are expected in end of 2021.</p>	<p>The government commissioned work on a ‘How to Guide’</p> <p>This was published on March 2021 and is in draft.</p> <p>This highlights good practice</p> <p>The final version will be published alongside the regulations at the end of the year.</p>

What will a Local Place Plan include?

- They will **belong to the local community** – community aspirations, priorities and projects and be co-designed through inclusive, robust community engagement.
- They will express a clear **vision** for the future, include **spatial map** and **key actions** to deliver the vision.
- They will include a **variety of proposals**, from physical proposals like improvements to community facilities, new homes, and better streets and public spaces; to less tangible proposals like action to support mental and physical health, economic opportunity or community activities.
- Should be solution focused – actions should be specific and should be **realistic and deliverable**.

Local Development Plan 2024-2034 Timeline for Preparation



2021	2022	2023	2024
Evidence Gathering & Engagement	Engagement and Consultation on Evidence Report	Consult and Modify on Proposed Plan	Adoption of Local Development Plan



Invite sent to communities to prepare Local Place Plans



Registration of Place Plans

Role & Status of Local Place Plans



Local Place Plans will:

- support community empowerment – set out community projects and aspirations for land buy out and help gain funding for these.
- have material weight in planning decisions.
- influence land allocations in the Local Development Plan for housing, economic development and tourism.
- inform and shape policies to protect areas of land from development.
- shape and influence public service delivery – e.g. health, roads.
- help to tackle strategic agendas – climate emergency, health and wellbeing, inequalities and economic opportunity.

How can the National Park support communities?

Envisage focussed, short-term support, examples of support include helping to

- compile an evidence base and a summary of the wider planning context, including data and statistics.
- mapping tools to engage with the wider community and identify projects, land, buildings or assets that are important locally
- undertake community engagement
- provide contact information for other public agencies and stakeholders