

## **Drymen Local Place Plan Submission Statement**

Dear Planning Authority

Please find attached and linked, a digital copy of the [Drymen Local Place Plan](#) (LPP).

### **Community Body**

The community body submitting this LPP is Drymen Community Development Trust (DCDT), but it was prepared jointly with former officers of Drymen Community Council as DCC wasn't functioning during the compilation of the plan. The plan supersedes the Community Action Plan 2013-2018. Our community body's contact details are: DCDT Enterprise Company, Creitendam, Balmaha Road, Drymen, G63 0BX. [hello@drymen.org](mailto:hello@drymen.org)

### **Supporting Information**

Attached or linked is information supporting the LPP or documents referred to in the LPP:

- Our community body's written constitution
- A copy of the Information Notice sent to all councillors and relevant CCs.
- [Living Well Locally: Vision and Route Map](#) (Drymen & Villages of East Loch Lomond) prepared by Forth Environment Link.
- [Drymen Active Travel Plan](#) 2021 (prepared in partnership with Loch Lomond & Trossachs Countryside Trust)

### **Consultation Evidence – Information Notice**

A copy of the information notice sent to councillors and community councils has been included as an attachment to this submission.

As part of this process we had a positive reply from Cllr McGilvery who responded on behalf of fellow councillors and also a comment was made from Kilmarnock Community Council *“Kilmarnock CC note your community's desire to link Drymen to the RSPB site avoiding the A811. Traditionally KCC has resisted the creation of a formal path crossing the Endrick at the Iron Bridge, talks of this having been around for the last 30 years or more. We do acknowledge that things change over time, but as our own community consultation has yet to happen and won't be before the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> March, we feel duty bound to point out the existing point of view. Should you have more detail of a proposed route and type of path further down the line we would be happy to discuss it in greater detail.”*

No changes to the Local Place Plan were required or made following the 28-day consultation.

### **Statement Showing Regard to Other Plans/Strategies**

In preparing the LPP, our community body must demonstrate they have had regard to the [National Planning Framework 4](#), which aims to create sustainable, liveable and productive places and the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs [Local Development Plan](#) adopted in 2016 – which vision is to create thriving town and villages centres, more active travel options and off-road connections, a thriving economically active rural economy, support the needs of

everyone, safeguarding historic buildings and precious natural and cultural assets as well as high quality development that enhances towns and villages.

The Local Place Plan has also considered the policies of the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs [National Park Plan 2018-2023](#) and other local strategies and plans including the [East Loch Lomond Strategic Development Framework 2022](#) which sees Drymen as a potential primary hub for services, moving around and connectivity and the [Living Well Locally: Vision and Route Map](#) (Drymen & Villages of East Loch Lomond) prepared by Forth Environment Link.

These national and local policies are reflected in the Drymen Local Place Plan priorities and actions summarised in the following sections of the plan: Movement & Connectivity; Housing Tourism & Economy; Environment, Climate & Nature; Community Facilities and Heritage. Also, on Page 12 our nine highest Priorities support the following strategic outcomes, which support NPF4 and LDP policies:

1. Improved safe movement of people and connectivity with other communities, which enables access to services, reduces reliance on cars and increases the opportunity for enhancing health/wellbeing through walking and active travel.
2. Improved and inclusive facilities for locals and visitors and use of unused buildings/sites, which supports the local visitor economy, community wealth, jobs and ultimately population growth.
3. Improved recycling/recharging facilities, which encourages use of renewable energy and lower carbon emissions.

### **Engagement evidence**

Our community body has demonstrated that there is support for the priorities and proposals in our LPP as demonstrated in the information set out on pages 6-9. This information, including data sourced from the [Living Well Locally](#) engagement and vision, shows there was wide-reaching consultations with and support for the identified priorities from children at the primary school, young people at Drymen Youth Café, High School pupils, businesses, and residents of all ages and from our neighbouring communities.

### **Statement Setting Out LDP Amendments and Considerations**

This LPP considers the following priorities should be taken account of in preparation of the current Local Development Plan 2016. Please note that this should be read in conjunction with pg 12 Table within the Local Place Plan that sets out the full list of Priorities, and who might undertake these and first steps. A comprehensive list of all actions detailed in this plan can be found at [drymen.org/plan](http://drymen.org/plan). Progress will be updated throughout the plan's lifetime.

This list is a summarised list for those priorities/outcomes that are relevant to the LDP.

<b>Drymen Outcome (from pg 12 Table)</b>	<b>Drymen LPP Priority</b>	<b>Further info/rationale for suggestion for LDP</b>
Introduce new public toilets for Drymen	Public toilets located in Stirling Road car park (further detail on pg17 and map pg13)	LDP to provide support for helping the community introduce public toilets

Develop/improve foot/cycle paths	New routes from Drymen to Croftamie, Balmaha and Balfron (further detail on pg15 and pg19 of LPP and map pg 10)	LDP to highlight routes that are direct as possible to help encourage more active travel and recreation.
Protect/use green spaces in village	No development on green spaces	LDP to retain protection of the village greenspaces and highlight potential for food growing and community activity.

Below is a list of other priorities relevant to the LDP that are not summarised on pg12 of the Place Plan.

<b>Other priorities</b>	<b>Drymen LPP Priority</b>	<b>Further info/rationale for suggestion for LDP</b>
Housing, Tourism, Economy (pg17)	Encourage planners to not allow further development until the impact of the planned 88 home housing development can be assessed.	LDP to assess need for Laurelfields housing allocation within the village and not allocate any further housing sites.
Housing, Tourism, Economy (pg17)	Support development of former garage and Salmon Leap sites (also see map pg13).	LDP to continue allocation of Salmon Leap site and consider new uses for garage site that would stop it being a derelict building.
Environment, Climate & Nature (pg19)	Explore viability and benefits of a community-led hydro-electric scheme	LDP to support community led hydro-renewable schemes.
Environment, Climate & Nature (pg19)	Work with Stirling Council to ensure that electric car chargers are installed as part of the extension and refurbishment of Stirling Road car park.	LDP to highlight car park refurbishment and require electric car charging.
Heritage, Community & Facilities (pg21)	DCDT to work with Stirling Council to help them to identify a new location for Drymen Library Also note on map pg 10 – Protect Drymen village services such as shops, library, doctors, dentist etc as these are relied on by residents in nearby villages.	LDP to consider role of Drymen as a hub for the area and ensure valuable services are protected.

**Community's Submission Statement Checklist:**

To Do	Done
1. A copy of the written constitution of the community body	
2. Copy of <i>Information Notice</i>	
3. Copies or links to documents referred to in LPP (not NPA docs)	