



West Lothian Council

THE WEST LOTHIAN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (LDP)

CONSULTATION RESPONSE PORTAL

Have Your Say on the Proposed Plan

Introduction

West Lothian Council has published its Proposed Plan together with supporting documents including an Environmental Report (SEA), Habitats Regulation Appraisal, Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and Equalities & Human Rights Impact Assessment. These can be viewed on the West Lothian Council website at www.westlothian.gov.uk/proposedplan.

If you wish to make representations on the Proposed Plan or associated documents you are encouraged to use this online consultation portal. It's quick and easy and will help us to process representations more efficiently, reducing the overall cost and environmental impact of the exercise.

You do not need to complete this questionnaire in a single visit. Just simply put your Survey Reference Number (CODE) in the top right corner of the screen to allow you to continue with your submission at a later date.

If you need assistance with completing or submitting your representation online please call the Customer Service Centre (CSC) on 01506 280000. Please advise the Customer Service Centre that your enquiry relates specifically to the Local Development Plan and ask for it to be logged and directed to the Development Plan and Environment Team. Someone will contact you. Alternatively you can email us at wlldp@westlothian.gov.uk We will endeavour to respond as quickly as possible but in any event within 3 working days of receiving your enquiry.

It is important that all representations are submitted no later than midnight on Sunday 22 November 2015. Representations received after that time will not be considered.

Your comments should be concise, having regard to paragraph 84 of Scottish Government Circular 6/2013: Development Planning which states that representations should be no more than 2,000 words plus any limited supporting productions.

Data Protection Statement

Please be aware that when you make representations on the Proposed Plan through the consultation portal (and/or in a conventional written format) personal information provided as part of a representation cannot be treated as confidential. Representations require to be made available online and for public inspection at the council's office (this would include your name but would exclude any information which would be subject to the Data Protection Act 1998 i.e. signature, postal address, telephone number, email).

We are also required to pass these details to the Scottish Government's Directorate of Planning and Environmental Appeals (DPEA). This is because they may at a later date wish to invite you to an Examination in Public of the Proposed Plan to discuss your representation.

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Your Details

Please indicate in what capacity you are making this submission: *

Please note that this is a mandatory field

- as an individual (and representing your own views)
- as a representative of a private or commercial organisation (and representing the views of that organisation)
- as a representative of a public organisation (and representing the views of that organisation)
- as an agent (and making comments on behalf of other individuals that you represent or third parties)
- other

Please complete the following contact information: *

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Title

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Organization Name

Client's Name

Is this the first time you have made a written representation on the Proposed Plan? *

Please note that this is a mandatory field

- yes
- no

If you have previously submitted a site to be considered for development when the Council was initially seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI), or commented on the Local Development Plan at the Main Issues Report (MIR) stage, or made a previous submission to the Proposed Plan please provide the reference given to you at that time if known.

EOI & MIR reference number can be found on any email or written communication we may have previously sent you

Enter EOI (Expression of Interest) reference here

Enter MIRQ (Main Issues Report) reference here

Please enter your survey reference number in the text box below. *

Survey Reference Number (CODE) can be found in the top right corner of this screen
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Please keep a note of your Survey Reference Number (CODE) for future reference

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2. FOREWORD (page 4)

This introduction by the Leader of the Council establishes the role of the LDP and how it will help deliver the council's core objectives.

Do you wish to make a comment?

- yes
- no

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3. BACKGROUND (page 6, paragraphs 1.1-1.5)

Provides a brief historical context to the economic development of West Lothian which helps explain how settlements established and have developed.

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Linlithgow is clearly low in the priority of the LDP. This is understandable as the local authority has so much more to consider with its main concentration on the Core Development Areas Armadale, Bathgate, Broxburn and its desire to built up the sub-regional centre of Livingston

4. CONTEXT (page 7, paragraphs 2.1-2.2)

Provides wider context for the LDP in geographic terms and explains how the LDP fits with the Strategic Development Plan (SDP1).

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- yes
 no

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Linlithgow is clearly low on West Lothian's priority list as set out in the LDP. This is understandable with its sights set on the Core Development Areas: Armadale, Bathgate, Broxburn and its clear intention to build up Livingston as a sub-regional centre.

5. ROLE AND PURPOSE OF PLAN (page 7, paragraphs 3.1-3.5)

Establishes the role and purpose of the LDP in terms of its being a material consideration in the determination of any planning applications for development in West Lothian and, when adopted by the Council, will replace the West Lothian Local Plan. It also sets out what documents the plan must comply with i.e. the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006 and what documents will accompany the plan i.e. the Action Programme etc.

Do you wish to make a comment?

- yes
 no

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The LDP proposes to remove 'restraint' from Linlithgow. But it should be remembered that 480 houses were built in Linlithgow in the last 15 years while restraint was in place. The LDP proposes that only 580 houses will be built in the next 10 years should 'restraint' be removed. This looks implausible. It is recognised that the Local Authority is hoping to use the Settlement Boundary to help to contain housing. However the revised Settlement Boundary makes little sense other than responding to Developers' wishes such as Cala and Gladman

6. VISION STATEMENT AND AIMS (page 8, paragraphs 4.1-4.3)

Establishes the vision for the LDP in terms of outcomes desired over the plan period and identifies the key aims of the plan by individual subject areas i.e. Economic Development & Growth, Community Regeneration, Sustainable Housing Locations, Infrastructure Requirements and Delivery, Town Centres and Retailing, the Natural and Historic Environment, Climate Change and Renewable Energy and Waste and Minerals.

Do you wish to make a comment?

- yes
 no

If you wish to make comments please begin by selecting the relevant sub-section(s) of Vision Statement and Aims from the list below.

- Economic Development and Growth (page 8)
 Community Regeneration (page 8)
 Sustainable Housing Locations (page 9)
 Infrastructure Requirements and Delivery (page 9)
 Town Centres and Retailing (page 9)
 The Natural and Historic Environment (page 9)
 Climate Change and Renewable Energy (page 9)
 Waste and Minerals (page 9)

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Economic Development and Growth (page 8)

Whilst supporting the general aims -the LDP does not apply thes to Linlithgow

Sustainable Housing Locations (page 9)

Linlithgow is in dire need of affordable housing yet the LDP scarcely considers Linlithgow in this respect - a suitable site for 30 dwellings in Mil Road has been reduced to 15

Infrastructure Requirements and Delivery (page 9)

The LPD recognises that Linlithgow's High Street is a major bottleneck but comes forward with no proposals other than changing the frequency of the traffic lights

Town Centres and Retailing (page 9)

Whilst supporting the general aim - there is too much concentration on Livingston as a 'sub-regional centre'

7. THE SPATIAL STRATEGY (INCLUDING POLICY FRAMEWORK) (page 10, paragraphs 5.1-5.10)

In the context of the Strategic Development Plan (SDP), the LDP identifies West Lothian as being one of thirteen Strategic Development Areas where development will be focused in sustainable locations where infrastructure is either available or can be provided and in locations where there are no environmental constraints.

Do you wish to make a comment?

- yes
 no

If you wish to make comments please begin by selecting the relevant sub-section(s) of the Spatial Strategy from the list below.

- Economic Development and Growth (page 12, paragraphs 5.11-5.22)
- Flexibility within traditional industrial estates (page 14, paragraphs 5.24-5.25)
- Enterprise Areas (page 17, paragraphs 5.24-5.25)
- Local business opportunities, small business start-ups and working from home (page 17, paragraph 5.26)
- Tourism (page 17, paragraphs 5.27-5.28)
- Promoting community regeneration (page 19, paragraphs 5.29-5.35)
- Housing land requirements for the LDP (page 20, paragraphs 5.36-5.49)
- Effective Housing Land and Generous Supply (page 23, paragraphs 5.50-5.53)
- New Housing Sites and Design (page 24, paragraphs 5.4-5.56)
- Strategic Allocations (including previously identified Core Development Area Allocations) (page 25, paragraphs 5.57-5.61)
- Whitburn/Charette (page 26, paragraph 5.62)
- Linlithgow and Linlithgow Bridge (page 26-27)
- Deans South, Livingston; Area for Comprehensive Re-development (page 27, paragraph 5.68)
- Affordable Housing (page 27, paragraphs 5.69-5.74)
- Accommodation for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Show People (page 29, paragraph 5.75)
- Residential Care and Supported Accommodation (page 29, paragraphs 5.76-5.77)
- Infrastructure Requirements and Delivery (page 30, paragraphs 5.78-5.84)
- Providing for Community Needs (page 32, paragraphs 5.85-5.88)
- Education (page 32, paragraphs 5.89-5.92)
- Healthcare Provision (page 33, paragraphs 5.93-5.96)
- Sports Facilities (page 33, paragraphs 5.97-5.101)
- Green Infrastructure and Green Networks (page 34, paragraphs 5.102-5.105)
- Water and Drainage (page 34, paragraphs 5.106-5.107)
- Travel in and around West Lothian (page 34, paragraphs 5.108-5.112)
- Roads (page 35, paragraph 5.113)
- A71 Corridor (page 35, paragraphs 5.114-5.115)
- A801 Corridor (page 35, paragraphs 5.116-5.117)
- A89/A8 (page 35, paragraphs 5.118-5.126)
- Rail (page 37, paragraphs 5.127-5.130)
- Walking and Cycling (page 37, paragraphs 5.131-5.132)
- Town Centres and Retailing (page 39, paragraphs 5.133-5.138)
- Landscape Character and Local Landscape Designations (page 41, paragraphs 5.139-5.143)
- Countryside Belts (page 42, paragraph 5.144)
- Development in the Countryside (page 42, paragraphs 5.145-5.147)
- Lowland Crofting (page 44, paragraphs 5.148-5.152)
- Green Networks, Local Biodiversity Sites and Geodiversity Sites (page 45, paragraphs 5.153-5.155)
- Forestry (page 46, paragraphs 5.156-5.163)
- Union Canal (p.49 paragraphs 5.164-5.165)
- Pentland Hills Regional Park (page 49, paragraphs 5.164-5.165)
- Country Parks (page 50, paragraph 5.169)
- Allotments/Community Growing (page 51, paragraphs 5.170-5.171)
- Temporary/Advance Greening (page 51, paragraphs 5.172-5.174)
- Biodiversity (page 52, paragraphs 5.175-5.180)
- Geodiversity (page 53, paragraph 5.181)
- West Lothian Open Space Strategy (page 53, paragraphs 5.182-5.184)
- Historic and Cultural Environment (page 54, paragraphs 5.185-5.187)
- Conservation Areas (page 55, paragraphs 5.185-5.188)

- Former Bangour Village Hospital, Dechmont (page 56, paragraph 5.189)
- Conservation Area at Abercorn/Hopetoun Estate (page 56, paragraph 5.190)
- Other Areas of Built Heritage and Townscape Value (page 57, paragraphs 5.191-5.199)
- Listed Buildings (page 58, paragraphs 5.185-5.187)
- Historic Gardens and Designed Landscapes (page 59, paragraphs 5.200-5.201)
- Historic Battlefields (page 60, paragraph 5.202)
- Archaeology (page 60, paragraph 5.203)
- Scheduled Monuments (page 60, paragraphs 5.204-5.206)
- Public Art (page 61, paragraphs 5.207-5.208)
- Climate Change Measures (page 62, paragraphs 5.209-5.214)
- Low Carbon Development and Renewable Energy (page 63, paragraphs 5.215-5.221)
- Wind Farms and Wind Turbines (page 65, paragraphs 5.222-5.225)
- Energy and Heat Networks (page 66, paragraphs 5.226-5.229)
- Off-gas Grid Areas and Renewable Heat Requirement for New-build Housing (page 67, paragraphs 5.230-5.232)
- The Water Environment and Flood Risk Management (page 67, paragraphs 5.233-5.239)
- Air Quality and Noise (page 70, paragraphs 5.240-5.242)
- Edinburgh Airport (page 71, paragraph 5.243)
- Noise (page 71, paragraph 5.244)
- Contaminated Land (page 71, paragraphs 5.245-5.246)
- Vacant and Derelict Land (page 72, paragraphs 5.249-5.250)
- Minerals and Waste (page 73, paragraphs 5.251-5.256)
- Site Restoration (page 75, paragraphs 5.257-5.238)
- Unconventional Gas Extraction including Hydraulic Fracking (page 75, paragraph 5.259)
- Waste (page 76, paragraph 5.260)

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Economic Development and Growth (page 12, paragraphs 5.11-5.22)

All very laudable but little concrete proposals other than allocating land for development

Local business opportunities, small business start-ups and working from home (page 17, paragraph 5.26)

This a real opportunity for West Lothian and Linlithgow in particular with so many just using Linlithgow as a home base for commuters to Edinburgh in particular

Tourism (page 17, paragraphs 5.27-5.28)

Nice photo of Linlithgow Church and Palace but that's it. I will bring up parking later

Promoting community regeneration (page 19, paragraphs 5.29-5.35)

When did the CPP ever come north of the Bathgate Hills to Linlithgow. Community Regeneration would be greatly helped by re-instating the equivalent of Town Councils

Housing land requirements for the LDP (page 20, paragraphs 5.36-5.49)

It is good to see that HOIDA is recommending more rented accommodation in West Lothian. It's only a pity that little is foreseen in Linlithgow

Whitburn/Charette (page 26, paragraph 5.62)

Why did the West Lothian Council reject a Charette in Linlithgow

Linlithgow and Linlithgow Bridge (page 26-27)

Nice to see Linlithgow and Linlithgow Bridge mentioned. Disappointing to the developers will only be asked to 'mitigate' transport problems

Affordable Housing (page 27, paragraphs 5.69-5.74)

Nothing about Affordable Housing in Linlithgow or Linlithgow Bridge. The current 15 in Mill Road are the first in 15 years and look to be the last

Infrastructure Requirements and Delivery (page 30, paragraphs 5.78-5.84)

The council will only support development when identified infrastructure - Not in Linlithgow over the last 15 years and the LDP gives little hope for the future

Education (page 32, paragraphs 5.89-5.92)

The Linlithgow Academy is full - unclear how many places will be released when Winchburgh Academy is built. But will the numbers support the proposed LDP 580 houses? And what of the others when the Settlement Boundary is breached

Water and Drainage (page 34, paragraphs 5.106-5.107)

Water problem with Linlithgow Loch

Travel in and around West Lothian (page 34, paragraphs 5.108-5.112)

Travel out of West Lothian for us is good but not good to the sub-regional centre at Livingston

Roads (page 35, paragraph 5.113)

Nothing about Linlithgow High Street except changing the traffic lights

Union Canal (p.49 paragraphs 5.164-5.165)

Agreed

Historic and Cultural Environment (page 54, paragraphs 5.185-5.187)

Linlithgow Palace and Peel 'There is a presumption against development'. What exactly does this mean. The Rigs will be protected. The best remaining Rig is in the grounds of Annet House yet the Council intends to sell the House. What protection here

Conservation Areas (page 55, paragraphs 5.185-5.188)

Linlithgow is a Conservation Area yet development still goes on within it

Historic Gardens and Designed Landscapes (page 59, paragraphs 5.200-5.201)

Sorry should not have chosen this one

Edinburgh Airport (page 71, paragraph 5.243)

Nothing here about take off routes which are likely to become more of a problem over the next 10 years

Vacant and Derelict Land (page 72, paragraphs 5.249-5.250)

The Council has declared it is not interested or take any role in the Victoria Halls derelict building

8. DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL BY SETTLEMENT (page 79)

Provides details of development proposals which are supported by the LDP in each town and village across West Lothian and assigns each one a unique reference for ease of identification.

Do you wish to make a comment?

- yes
 no

If you wish to make comments please begin by selecting the relevant Settlement(s) from the list below.

- Addiewell & Loganlea (page 79)
- Armadale (page 80)
- Bathgate (page 81)
- Blackburn (page 82)
- Blackridge (page 83)
- Breich (page 83)
- Bridgehouse & Bridgecastle (page 83)
- Bridgend (page 83)
- Broxburn (page 84)
- Burnside (page 84)
- Dechmont & Bangour (page 85)
- East Calder (page 85)
- East Whitburn (page 86)
- Ecclesmachan (page 86)
- Fauldhouse (page 86)
- Greenrigg (page 86)
- Kirknewton (page 87)
- Landward area (page 87)
- Linlithgow & Linlithgow Bridge (page 89)
- Livingston (page 90)
- Longridge (page 93)
- Mid Calder (page 93)
- Hewton and Woodend (page 93)
- Philpstoun/East & West Philpstoun/Old Philpstoun (page 93)
- Polbeth (page 93)
- Pumpherston (page 93)
- Seafield (page 93)
- Stoneyburn/Bents (page 94)
- Threemiletown (page 94)
- Torphichen (page 94)
- Uphall (page 94)
- Uphall Station (page 94)
- West Calder & Harburn (page 95)
- Westfield (page 95)
- Whitburn (page 96)
- Wilkieston (page 97)
- Winchburgh (page 97)

Please enter site reference(s)/proposals reference (as appropriate) and location/site address below.

Site Reference/ Location / Site Address can be found in the relevant Settlement Statement

	site reference	location/ site address
Linlithgow & Linlithgow Bridge (page 89)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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Comment

Linlithgow
&
Linlithgow
Bridge
(page 89)

I find it strange that the Planning Dept is considering only 569 dwellings in Linlithgow and Linlithgow Bridge once restraint is removed - indeed this is reduced to 513 when the fact that 41 dwellings in the centre of the Town are already completed and 15 at Mill Road have received planning permission, when during the last 15 years whilst restraint was in place 480 dwellings were completed. I believe when a new developer comes along to build more houses the settlement boundary will elastically expand else they will be allowed to build outwith the boundary on green field sites

9. APPENDICES (page 99)

A number of appendices are included at the end of the LDP which provides additional detail on specific elements of the Proposed Plan.

Do you wish to make a comment?

- yes
 no

If you wish to make comments please begin by selecting the relevant Appendix(es) of the Proposed Plan from the list below.

- Appendix 1 - Employment Land Allocations (page 99)
 Appendix 2 - Schedule of Housing Sites / Site Delivery Requirements (page 119)
 Appendix 3 - Schedule of Land Ownership (page 259)
 Appendix 4 - LDP Supplementary Guidance (SG) and Planning Guidance (PG) (page 265)
 Appendix 5 - List of Policies (page 273)
 Appendix 6 - List of Proposals (page 275)

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Appendix 4 - LDP
Supplementary Guidance
(SG) and Planning Guidance
(PG) (page 265)

I am entering a comment here as I have not found any place to do so so far. The LDP refers to a survey on the problem of traffic in the High Street which suggests that the traffic problem can be alleviated by the installation of a round about and the adjustment to the duration of street lights. I find this hard to believe; but taking this as read I can see no reason for not doing these changes now.

10. GLOSSARY (page 280)

An explanation of unfamiliar terms or expressions used in the LDP is provided to assist understanding of the document.

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11. PROPOSALS MAPS

The LDP comprises a series of five maps which define settlement boundaries and illustrate land use zonings.

Do you wish to make a comment?

- yes
 no

If you wish to make comments please begin by selecting the relevant Proposals Maps from the list below.

- Proposals Map 1 - West Lothian
 Proposals Map 2 - Linlithgow & Broxburn Area
 Proposals Map 3 - Livingston Area
 Proposals Map 4 - Bathgate Area
 Proposals Map 5 - Villages

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Proposals Map
2 - Linlithgow
& Broxburn
Area

The map shows the proposed Settlement Boundary. The boundary now includes a number of patches to incorporate developments proposed by Gladman at Claredon and Cala at Preston Road. This is no way to go forward with a strategic development. The map should show the settlement boundary as to what is required for the next 10-15 years. Linlithgow's Community Council has provided such a strategic settlement boundary in its Linlithgow Plan for the Future.

12. ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS

Alongside the LDP is a suite of documents which are required by statute as part of the preparation and supporting evidence for the LDP.

Do you wish to make a comment?

- yes
 no

If you wish to make comments please begin by selecting the relevant Accompanying Documents from the list below.

- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report.
 Equalities & Human Rights Impact Assessment (EQHRIA).
 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA).
 Habitats Regulations Appraisal.
 Transport Appraisal (TA).
 Action Programme.

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Transport
Appraisal (TA).

Please see previous comment on traffic in Linlithgow High Street and my proposal that should traffic be alleviated by an extra round about and changing the frequency of traffic lights that should be done now without awaiting approval of the Local Plan.

13. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Do you wish to submit any additional comments on the LDP?

- yes
 no

Please use the text box below for your additional comments on the LDP.

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As I have expressed throughout my responses I have been disappointed with the Local Plan as it affects Linlithgow and Linlithgow Bridge as there are few actual recommendations that will improve the infrastructure problems of the Town eg High Street Traffic, Parking, Affordable Housing. I recognise that Linlithgow and Bridge are of significantly lower priority to the CDA and Livingston. Nevertheless we should be treated now effectively. You will be aware that the Town has set a Planning Forum to come forward with its own views of what is needed and published this in Linlithgow A Plan for the Future (2015 - 2030) am I commend it to West Lothian Planning Dept to read and digest and incorporate these in the next revision of the LDP; an in particular a more strategic Settlement Boundary.

To the completion of this Consultation it has taken me some 3 - 4 hours to complete. To get started although I am completing as an individual I still had to add a company name and person within the company - I may of course have misinterpreted the instructions but I did try other alternatives but found none. I found many of the answers needed to be typed into a window of 4 cms - this gave no chance to assess my overall response - and inevitably there are spelling mistakes. In my opinion many people in the community would have found the completion of the Consultation quite daunting and many would not have the time to do so. In effect I suggest that many people will in practice have been disenfranchised.

I note the proposal that I should reread my response before Submitting. Whilst laudable and good practice I haven't the time or the inclination to do so. So be it.

Before pressing the submit button please review your submission and make any changes. Once you have pressed SUBMIT you will be unable to go back to the survey.

Once we have received your submission we will send you a copy for your records. This could take up to 5 working days. If you do not receive a copy in that time please contact the Customer Service Centre.

CONFIRMATION OF YOUR PARTICIPATION

We will send you an email notification as soon as your survey is submitted.

Please enter your email address below.