

EVIDENCE REPORT ➤	<p>The Evidence Report will set out the planning authority's view on land use in West Lothian and include a statement on the steps taken to seek the views of the public at large, including the views of disabled person, Gypsies and Travellers, children and young people and community councils. It will also explain the extent to which these views have been taken account of.</p>
GATECHECK ➤	<p>The Evidence Report requires to be approved by the planning authority and then sent to Scottish Ministers for consideration.</p> <p>Scottish Ministers will appoint an independent person (a DPEA Reporter) to assess whether the Evidence Report contains sufficient information to enable the planning authority to prepare the LDP. Consideration will also be given to whether the necessary consultation and engagement requirements have been met.</p> <p>In the event that it is concluded that the Evidence Report is deficient it will require to be revised and resubmitted to Scottish Ministers.</p>
DRAFT PROPOSED PLAN ➤	<p>The Draft Proposed Plan is to be approved by the council and published for consultation alongside the Evidence Report.</p> <p>Depending on the outcome of the consultation, the council may make modifications to the draft Proposed Plan.</p> <p>The plan will then be submitted to Scottish Ministers. and any unresolved representations will be considered by an independent person (a DPEA Reporter) as part of an examination of the plan.</p>
EXAMINATION & ADOPTION ➤	<p>The examination process is to focus on unresolved issues, specifically any remaining areas of disagreement between the planning authority's proposals and the views of parties who have made representations.</p> <p>Once the examination is complete, and any changes have been incorporated, the Plan can be adopted.</p>