



## **Edition 7 - July 2025**

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## **Evidence Report Update**

West Lothian Council is working to prepare the next Local Development Plan (LDP 2), which will guide land use and development across the area for the next 10 years. The first stage of preparation is to set out the evidence base required to inform the plan in an [Evidence Report](#). The council's Evidence Report was prepared between October 2023 and May 2025, and aims to ensure LDP 2 is based on sound data and engagement with key agencies and local communities.

On June 19<sup>th</sup>, West Lothian Council approved the Evidence Report for submission to the Scottish Government to undergo a '**Gate Check**', marking a key step in the plan's development.

During the Gate Check process, a Reporter from the Planning and Environmental Appeals Division (DPEA) will be appointed on behalf of Scottish Ministers to assess the report. This

will focus on areas where evidence is disputed and will check that engagement requirements have been met. Following submission, progress of the Gate Check will be available to view on the DPEA's webpages.

## **Next Steps for LDP 2 Preparation**

The next stage of plan preparation will commence once the Evidence Report has passed through Gate Check. During the spring, a Call for Ideas invited communities, developers and landowners to submit suggestions for sites and proposals to be considered for inclusion in LDP 2. We are reviewing the submissions received during this engagement period and will provide an update on the timetable and preparation of the proposed plan and engagement opportunities following receipt of the Gate Check report.

For more information, the [Development Plan Scheme 2025](#) sets out how the council intends to progress preparation of LDP 2, including a timetable for the coming stages.

To keep up to date with LDP 2, please visit the council's [LDP 2 web page](#).

## **Going Forward**

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