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## **Evidence Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement 2026 (DPD) - Engagement feedback**

We are now preparing our **Development Plan Scheme 2026**.

The DPS explains what a Development Plan is, outlines how the council intends to prepare and consult on LDP 2, and includes a Participation Statement – a guide on how the public can get involved.

We are pleased to invite you to provide feedback on the **draft** DPS 2026 prior to it being finalised and approved by the Council.

The DPS and a feedback form are available on our website at:

[westlothian.gov.uk/article/33809/Local-Development-Plan-Scheme-DPS](https://westlothian.gov.uk/article/33809/Local-Development-Plan-Scheme-DPS)

The deadline for responses is **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026**.

## **LDP 2 Preparation Update**

West Lothian Council is preparing 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 preparing LDP 2 is the Evidence Report.

The Evidence Report can be [viewed here](#).

The Evidence Report was submitted for **Gate Check** on 30 July 2025 and was returned to the council by the DPEA on 7 November 2025 with an instruction to address matters highlighted in the Assessment Report and to submit a revised report to Scottish Ministers for a subsequent Gate Check.

The Reporter's Assessment Report can be viewed by clicking [this](#) link to the DPEA website.

It is intended to resubmit a revised Evidence Report to Gate Check in April 2026.

Until Gate Check is passed, the Council is unable to proceed to the next stage of the process, preparation of the Proposed Plan.

## **Going Forward**

We will continue to communicate news about LDP 2 as it progresses. Keep up to date by regularly visiting the [web page](#) and by continuing to subscribe to the LDP 2 Newsletter. You can also [register your contact details](#) with us and we will add you to a mailing list which is maintained specifically for advising of LDP 2 related matters.

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