

Local Development Plan 2 - Call for Sites FAQs for Public and Communities

- Shetland Islands Council is required under the Planning Act to produce a Local Development Plan and ensure it is reviewed every 5 years. Our current [Local Development Plan](#) was published in 2014 and we are now in the process of taking forward our next Local Development Plan ([LDP2](#)).
- LDP2 will guide the future development and use of land in Shetland over the next 10-15 years. It will contain land allocations for new housing, business and industry, and policies to help plan for the future development of our places.

What is the Call for Sites?

- To help us identify land within LDP2 to meet housing, business and industry requirements we are running a [Call for Sites](#) process. This provides the opportunity for developers and landowners to submit sites for inclusion in LDP2.
- The Call for Sites process should be used by developers and landowners to submit proposals for developments of **3 or more housing units**, industrial sites, business sites, retail developments, mixed-use developments, community facilities and the development of community assets.
- **The Call for Sites will run until 31 March 2019.** Submissions will be assessed by the Council and suitable sites will be taken forward and identified in the next stage of LDP2, called the 'Main Issues Report'. We intend to publish the Main Issues Report in 2019.

What are Preferred Areas for Growth?

Whilst we are seeking proposals to come forward throughout Shetland through the Call for Sites process, we have taken a proactive approach to identify land in 21 settlements. The land we have identified is called '**Preferred Areas for Growth**'.

The Preferred Areas for Growth are predominantly within settlements that have experienced a higher demand for housing and where community facilities are within close proximity. We have also taken consideration of past completion rates and historic growth patterns.

Where can I view the Preferred Areas for Growth?

These can be found on our [Call for Sites](#) webpage by viewing our [Call for Sites Story Map](#).

Who should I contact to find out more about the Call for Sites?

Please contact a member of the Planning Service's development plans team if you have any queries about the Call for Sites process or would like to find out more about LDP2.

Email us at: development.plans@shetland.gov.uk or Phone us: 01595 744840.

I know a landowner who wants to develop their site. What should I do?

We are encouraging landowners and developers to read the [FAQs](#) we have prepared and to contact us using the above details to discuss their proposals before they submit their site.

How can I view the sites that are submitted?

Sites submitted through the call for sites will be shown on our website in due course.

Can I comment on the sites that are submitted?

Not at this stage, as Call for Sites is not subject to public consultation. Once we publish the Main Issues Report members of the public and other parties will be able to comment and make representations on the sites the Council has identified for inclusion in LDP2.

Where can I find more information on the next stages of LDP2?

Our [Development Plan Scheme](#) is updated annually and provides details on the timescales and programme for preparing LDP2. It also contains information on how to get involved in the process.