

SHETLAND'S LOCAL PLACE PLANS: CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME



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Dear All

We are resending this email as we became aware that it didn't reach as many people as we had originally intended.

We have also added further details about the upcoming **Shetland's Local Place Plans 2025 Spring workshop**. If you are considering joining us, this update will give you a clearer idea of what's in store.

But that's not all – whether you're looking for one-to-one support, further training or planning to attend our online workshops, we've got a range of events lined up to help you take the next steps in progressing your Local Place Plan.

Read on for all the details!



Set up a one-to one meeting

We'd be delighted to arrange one-to-one meetings to check in on your progress with Local Place Plans, offer tailored support and advice, and discuss the next steps. If you'd like to schedule a meeting over the next couple of weeks, or at a time that works best for you, please [email David](#).

Upcoming training sessions (all online)

We will be re-running the following training sessions on the dates below:

Project-Managing your Local Place Plan



Date: Thursday 6 March 2025

Time: 6pm – 7.30pm (online)

Details: This session will guide you through using the Shetland Islands Council Local Place Plan template and Planning Aid Scotland resources, equipping you with the skills and confidence to develop your Local Place Plan. Generous time for questions and discussion will be built in.

[Click here to sign up](#)

Planning your Community Engagement Strategy

Date: Wednesday 12 March 2025

Time: 6pm – 7.30pm (online)

Details: This session will focus on Community Engagement Strategies for your Local Place Plan, with the aim of involving as many individuals, community groups and other stakeholders as possible. Generous time for questions and discussion will be built in.

[Click here to sign up](#)



Learning Cohort 1



Date: Thursday 20 March 2025

Time: 12.30pm – 1.15pm (online)

Details: An informal group discussion hosted by Planning Aid Scotland, open to anyone preparing a Local Place Plan or interested in doing so.

This is a great opportunity to share your own experiences, ask questions, and learn from others on the same journey. The plan is to run these sessions once a month throughout the year.

[Join the Zoom meeting via this link](#)

Shetland's Local Place Plans 2025 SPRING WORKSHOP

All invited – free event with lunch

Date: Friday 4 April 2025

Time: 10am – 4pm

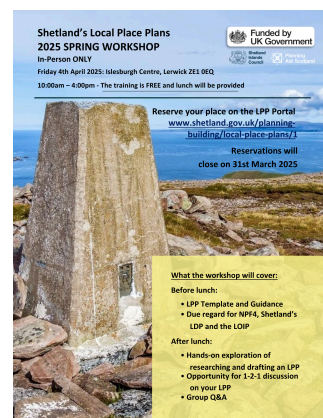
Place: Islesburgh Centre, Lerwick, ZE1 0EQ

Details: Join us for a hands-on in-person workshop, designed for community bodies who have registered an interest in creating a Local Place Plan. This interactive session will provide essential guidance, practical training, and personalised support to help you progress your plan.

[Register for the workshop](#)

What the workshop will cover:

Before lunch:



- Understanding the Local Place Plan Template and Guidance
- Due regard for key policies, including NPF4, Shetland's LDP and the LOIP

After lunch:

- Hands-on exploration of researching and drafting your Local Place Plan
- Opportunity for one-to-one discussions on your Local Place Plan
- Group Q&A to address shared challenges and insights

This workshop is designed for YOU, and we want to shape the programme around what matters most to you. If you'd like to present something, suggest a speaker or highlight a topic you'd like to explore, please let us know at lpp@shetland.gov.uk

There will be plenty of opportunities for networking, learning and sharing experiences with others who are working on Local Place Plans.

Please note: This event is in-person only, but we will provide a follow-up summary and share all relevant materials afterwards.



**OUR PLACE –
YOUR SAY**

7 February – 7 March 2025

The survey uses the Place Standard Tool to enable individuals (not groups or households) to say how they feel about where they live – the good, not so good, and what could be better.

The data collected will not only inform the planning of public services by the Council and other public bodies but will also be available for use by groups preparing a Local Place Plan.

If enough folk fill it in, the OUR PLACE – YOUR SAY survey has the potential to be the first step in obtaining up-to-date information for your LPP.

So please encourage your friends, family, neighbours and colleagues to [have their say here](#).

A note from Erin



Thank you for your engagement in the Local Place Plans: Capacity Building Programme.

It has been a pleasure to support you in the early stages of learning about Local Place Plans, and I appreciate the warm welcome we received while in Shetland.

As I move on from my role at Planning Aid Scotland to take up a new role in community development at City of Edinburgh Council, I am confident that your work will continue to make a positive impact, and I wish you every success in shaping plans that reflect aspirations of your community.

Wishing you all the best and a successful path ahead.

Project hub: Access the project hub by following this link: [Local Place Plans – Shetland Islands Council](#)

Launch event slides: [View the PDF](#) of the slides from our in-person launch event.

One-to-one mentoring: If you would like a one-to-one mentoring session on any matter relating to preparing your Local Place Plan, please [contact David](#) to set this up.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

We look forward to continuing to deliver this capacity building programme and supporting you in the preparation of Local Place Plans.

With best wishes,

David

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