

SHETLAND'S LOCAL PLACE PLANS: CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME



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Dear All

Thank you to everyone who joined our recent training sessions, "Planning your Community Engagement Strategy" and "Project-Managing your Local Place Plan". It was great to see a wide range of groups in attendance and we trust that the sessions helped you progress on your Local Place Plan journey.

In this newsletter edition, we're excited to share details about:

- **Local Place Plans Learning Get-together**
- **Shetland's Local Place Plans 2025 Spring Workshop**
- **One-to-one mentoring sessions**

We'll also be in touch soon about other upcoming training sessions – so stay tuned!

Read on for all the details!

Local Place Plans – Learning Get-together



Date: Thursday 20 March 2025

Time: 12.30pm – 1.15pm (online)

Details: Come along to our informal group discussion hosted by Planning Aid Scotland, open to anyone preparing a Local Place Plan or just curious to learn more.

This is a great space to connect with others, share experiences and ask questions. We plan to run these sessions once a month throughout the year.

Grab a cuppa, log in and join the conversation – we'd love to see you there!

[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

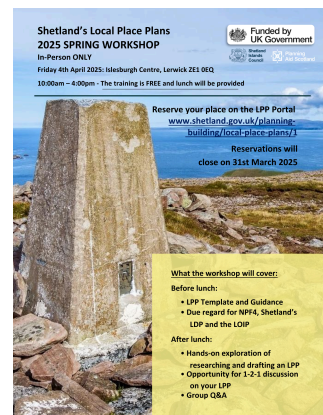
Time: 10am – 4pm

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.

[Register for the workshop](#)

So far, we've had a dozen registrations for the workshop, and there's still room for more – groups are very welcome!



If you'd like to suggest a topic, it's not too late – please let us know at lpp@shetland.gov.uk. Peter Mogridge from Shetland Islands Council will be issuing the final programme at the end of this week (Friday 21 March), so now is the time to share your ideas!

This interactive session will provide essential guidance, practical training, and personalised support to help you progress your plan. There will be plenty of opportunities for networking, learning and sharing experiences with others who are working on Local Place Plans.

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

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

Set up a one-to one meeting



If you'd like some one-to-one support on any matter relating to preparing your Local Place Plan, we'd love to help! David is on hand to check in, answer your questions and offer guidance – so if you'd like to set up a session in the next couple of weeks (or whenever suits you best), just drop him an email.

[Email to book your one-to one mentoring session](#)

Access the project hub: [Local Place Plans – Shetland Islands Council](#)

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

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,

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