Welcome!... to the Shetland Local development plan newsletter, this issue is packed full of information on the next Shetland Local Development Plan and how you can get involved.

Shetland’s Local Development Plans (LDP) guides how and where places can be developed and improved whilst also safeguarding important environmental and historic assets. The LDP is in 2 main parts, the Plan itself, which sets out policies and site allocations, and Supplementary Guidance (SG), which contains more detailed guidance on specific issues or places. Planning applications for all types of development in Shetland are determined against the LDP. The current LDP and SG can be viewed online here: www.shetland.gov.uk/ldp.

The Current Position
Our current work on LDP2 includes establishing and updating the evidence base, engaging with key stakeholders and communities and preparing for more targeted information gathering and engagement processes. All this work will help us to assemble the information needed to inform the Main Issues Report, which sets out the key changes that have occurred since the previous plan and sets out the Council’s big ideas for the future development of Shetland.

At this time we are preparing for the Call for Sites process to begin again, which will help to identify sites and opportunities for development so that, in part, the land needed to meet Shetland’s housing land supply can be found. Sites for other types of development, such as industrial and commercial, is also needed.

More details of the various stages are described below along with details of how you can get involved. The newsletter also provides an update on progress and forthcoming timescales for our continuing work on SG.

Development Plan Scheme 2016
The Development Plan Scheme (DPS) sets out the Council’s proposed timetable for review and replacement of the LDP, setting out the steps the Council will take to prepare the LDP. It also must include a participation statement, which shows where there are opportunities for consultation and participation – by stakeholders, the general public and for everyone with an interest.

The DPS must be reviewed at least annually and the Council is ultimately judged on whether or not it has sufficiently adhered to the participation statement.

This DPS provides details of:
• The Participation Statement showing the key pieces of work we propose to undertake in the coming year
• An update on the work programme
• The Supplementary Guidance List

The 2016 Development Plan Scheme is here: www.shetland.gov.uk/ldp2/DPS

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How to get involved in preparing the next Local Development Plan

The involvement of people who live, work and invest in Shetland is essential when preparing the Local Development Plan. We encourage people to get involved from the start. The Participation statement sets out how and when the Planning Authority intends to consult on the LDP (see the table below).

Shetland Islands Council is committed to ensuring that all consultation is carried out in a constructive and respectful manner and as such any consultation carried out by the Council will adhere to the National Standards for Community Engagement, which are set out in our LDP Newsletter No. 1 and you can also find them here: http://www.scdc.org.uk/what/national-standards/

Participation in the Shetland Local Development Plan
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LDP Engagement – Current Work

The Council is keen to hear your ideas for consideration as we gather the Evidence Base during the current pre-MIR stage of the LDP and we will be organising specific publicity and actions during the year – keep an eye on the LDP2 section of the website for further details and updates:

www.shetland.gov.uk/LDP2

What do you think are the key planning or land use issues that a new Local Development Plan should be considering? What has changed that planning should be addressing? The Council would welcome your thoughts.

We are also partners in a wider consultation process that is making use of a tool called Place Standard. The Council is set to be the first body to use this innovative new approach to public consultation, which focuses on assessing how we feel about where we live. Using an online survey, the public of Shetland will be asked 14 questions on what, if anything, needs to be improved. The new Place Standard Tool has been developed in partnership by Scottish Government Architecture & Place, NHS Health Scotland and Architecture & Design Scotland. This approach breaks new ground by recognising how both the physical and the social environments we live in contribute to our quality of life and affect everything from our mental health to the opportunities we can access. The consultation is due to start in mid June and will run for 4 weeks with results being made public in the autumn. We will use the information we get back as part of our early engagement work to help us better understand the needs of Shetland communities and the public.

Call for Sites

A particularly important part of this process will be to establish Development Sites for the new Local Development Plan (LDP) – these will include land for all types of development, whether for housing, industry, commerce, recreation or other uses. In respect of land for housing there are a number of specific things the LDP must do in order to ensure there is always a generous supply of land. This figure is known as the housing supply target (HST) and becomes the Council’s settled view, taking evidence from the Housing Needs and Demands Assessment (HNDA), which is a statutory document managed by the Council’s Housing Service and assessed by the Scottish Government to be robust and credible. The HNDA has been completed and is expected to be sent to Scottish Government shortly so the HST will not be known for some time yet. However, it is important that we begin to talk to those who may have land suitable for development to give the necessary time for surveys and other preparatory work to commence.

The Call for Sites process permits a wide range of agents with land interests including, individuals, developers, etc. to come forward with potential land available for development. The sites that are suggested should have a genuine potential that they will become available and deliverable for development in the period of the plan up to 2024.

We will be promoting the Call for Sites process shortly, initially we will be seeking ideas and proposals with a view to more detailed submissions being worked up and ready for a formal submission period during quarter 4 2016. These formal submissions will be based upon a form that will seek to ensure we receive all the details about the site that will be necessary for its proper assessment. We will be publishing this form as soon as we have finalised it but expect that to be sometime in June.

Please bear in mind that the submission of a site through the Call for Sites process only places the site before the Council for consideration as a potential site for future allocation. It does not guarantee its allocation, nor does it prejudice any decision the Council may wish to take should an application for any site be forthcoming.
LDP Engagement - feedback

Future Shetland – Youth Discussion Day

The Council Planning Service is working with Youth Services, Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) and Young Scot to explore the thoughts, views and insights of young people in the development of Shetland over the next 5 years. The outcomes from this planning process will be fed into the Community Plan and the LDP.

So far, the partnership has delivered a one day event with 45 young people, acting as the beginning of the conversation with this demographic group in Shetland. Young people from a range of socio-economic backgrounds and a varied knowledge base were invited to attend the event. Though the group cannot be assumed to be wholly representative of young people, this piece of work has provided a valuable ‘snapshot’ into young people’s attitudes and opinion on a range of subjects highly relevant to the LDP process from across Shetland.

With our partners, we will build on this conversation to ensure our further engagement with young people as the LDP process continues. For now, these are some of the key findings from the first event.

**Better Transport Links within Shetland**
- An online booking system for ‘book-only’ late buses
- Use of school bus pass on evening buses after activities
- Second bus time in North Isles on weekend nights

**Mental Health Awareness**
- More tailored awareness building in school
- Support to recognise mental health issues in others
- Confident, interactive 24-hour access through social media

**Affordable Accommodation for All**
- Cap on private rental prices
- All landlords must register with local authority
- More one-bedroom accommodation
- Young people have the opportunity to leave home

**Graduate Schemes and Placements**
- Encourage and support more organisations including local authority to run schemes
- Provide mentoring and support services for graduates to find work
- Advertise and promote schemes effectively

**Enhance Young Scot Card Benefits**
- Young people will approach local businesses with ideas for offers
- Cinema offers such as 2-for-1 tickets
- Sports, food and clothing retailers offer similar to offerings available on mainland

**Extend Higher Education Offering**
- More advanced courses on offer
- Flexibility around distance learning and home working
- More access to courses in teaching and medicine
- Encouraging young people to stay in Shetland to study
Supplementary Guidance
The LDP is supported by a number of Supplementary Guidance documents and the table below shows the current position on all existing SG. The Marine Spatial Plan SG and Local Nature Conservation Sites SG are both fully adopted and you can view and download them, along with the necessary supporting documentation, here: http://www.shetland.gov.uk/LDP

Placemaking SG
Public and stakeholder consultation has now finished on the new Placemaking Supplementary Guidance (SG) with the majority of the 18 representations received, being supportive of the aims of the document and the message contained within it. The SG brings together national policy and guidance and puts it into a Shetland context. The final document will form SG to the Shetland LDP, and will set out the policies and criteria against which any planning applications will be considered.

The Placemaking SG aims to ensure we build high quality developments throughout Shetland, and is aimed at architects, planning agents and the self-build market. The Scottish Government has identified six key qualities that make a place successful – Distinctive; Safe and Pleasant; Easy to Move Around; Welcoming; Adaptable and Resource Efficient. The SG has been put together to help new development meet these criteria.

Aquaculture and Works Licence SG
We have considered the comments received in response to the first consultation and have made revisions where appropriate. The Council’s screening opinion for the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is currently with the consultation authorities and we hope to be able to re-consult on the SG when that process is complete, probably in June 2016. Thereafter we will consider any further representations with a view to reporting it for approval to adopt (unless any further modification is required).
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