

Renfrewshire Council
Local Development Plan (LDP3)
Participation Statement Update
Consultation - August 2024



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Introduction

Thank you for your interest in the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan (LDP3)

As part of preparing the local development plan, the Council is required to publish a development plan scheme and publish this annually. The 2023 development plan scheme can be viewed at <https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/13368/Get-involved-in-preparing-the-new-Local-Development-Plan>.

The development plan scheme is to include a participation statement setting out the consultation that will be undertaken when preparing the local development plan. When preparing its development plan scheme, the Council is to seek the views of the public on the content of the participation statement.

Renfrewshire Council is currently preparing its 2024 development plan scheme and as part of that process has revised the layout and content of the participation statement. The Council is consulting on its revised participation statement ahead of publishing the full 2024 development plan scheme later this year.

Your views on how the Council intend to engage on the preparation of the local development plan, as set out in this draft participation statement, are sought by **Friday 27 September 2024**. In considering the draft participation statement, you might want to think about:

- whether there are specific groups or organisations we should be consulting with
- if there are specific ways you would like us to use to engage with you (e.g. meetings, online surveys, drop-in events)

Comments can be submitted by email to localplanconsultation@renfrewshire.gov.uk or by writing to Place Strategy Team, Renfrewshire Council, 4th Floor, Renfrewshire House, Paisley, PA1 1BR. For further information, please email or call us on 0300 300 0144 and ask for a member of the local development plan team.

Participation Statement

Everyone will have an opportunity to get involved in the preparation of the next Renfrewshire Local Development Plan.

Effective consultation and engagement are vital, as the Local Development Plan can affect where people live, work, visit, shop, play and travel in Renfrewshire. Your involvement and feedback can help us understand priorities for Renfrewshire and deliver a spatial strategy that addresses the issues important to communities.

We want to make it as easy as possible for everyone who has an interest to engage in the process.

The following pages set out how we intend to manage, facilitate, and encourage engagement in the local development plan process.

Opportunities to become involved in the preparation of the local development plan will be advertised through social media, updates on the Councils website, emails/letters to everyone who has registered interest in the local development plan process, and notices in the local newspaper (when required).

Those with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010, including disability, race, age, gender, sex and sexual orientation, religion, and people from a range of socio-economic backgrounds and their representatives will be supported where required to get involved in the preparation of the new plan.

There are a number of key stages to get involved in the plan preparation. The table below sets out the engagement activities that will be undertaken at each stage, the purpose of it, progress at August 2024, and future activity.

Managing engagement

Engagement Activity	Purpose	Progress at August 2024	Future activity
Participation statement	To inform stakeholders about the local development plan process and provide an opportunity for stakeholders to shape the engagement process	A 4-week consultation was undertaken in August 2023 to inform the 2023 development plan scheme and participation statement.	A consultation will be held on the 2024 update of the participation statement.
Participation database and diary	Maintain a record of participants who have registered interest in the local development plan process. Maintain a record of engagement events	Participation registration form created. As of July 2024, there were 1094 participants registered in the participant database. The participation diary had recorded 27 engagement activities since February 2024, being a mix of meetings/events and survey launches/ notifications.	Registration form remains open, and all engagement activity will be recorded.
Local development plan webpages	Promote engagement in local development plan and make consultation information available	Webpage created	Keep webpage update and develop LDP3 hub pages

Early engagement and evidence report preparation.

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'Have your say on Renfrewshire's places' survey (based on the Place Standard)	To enable communities to offer comment on what is good and what can be improved in their local area.	The survey was launched on 28 March 2024 and was made available online and in libraries through Renfrewshire. 229 responses have been received as of July 2024.	The survey remains open and further engagement and promotion work will be undertaken to increase the number of responses.
'Call for ideas' survey	To enable developers, landowners, and communities to submit ideas and proposals for specific sites in Renfrewshire	The survey was launched on 28 March 2024, running until 31 May 2024. Eighty-eight responses were received in that period.	A second stage 'Call for ideas' survey will be held during the proposed plan preparation period.
Children and young people engagement	To enable children and young people to inform the preparation of the evidence report	Working with Youth Services, 7 of Renfrewshire's secondary school were visited during May/June 2024 to gather views from pupils on what they like and do not like about their communities.	Visits will also be offered to the remaining secondary schools and visits will be made to the Council's summer holiday camps and/or primary schools to engage with younger children. Engagement with MSYP and Youth Councils
Local place plans	Promote local place plans as an opportunity for communities to engage in local development plan process	Invitation to prepare local place plans was issued to community councils and development trusts in May 2023 and placed on webpage. Information sessions were held in March 2023.	Communities will be reminded of opportunity to prepare local place plans and start-up meetings and other support will be offered to interested community groups.
Engagement with gypsy/traveller and travelling showpeople communities	To identify accommodation needs within Renfrewshire		Direct engagement with gypsy/traveller and travelling show people

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			communities and/or their representatives.
Engagement with disabled people	To identify housing needs for disabled people within Renfrewshire		Direct engagement with disabled people communities and/or their representatives.
Engagement with community councils and development trusts	To identify the expectations of communities for the new local development plan and to promote the preparation of local place plans	All community councils and development trusts were invited to the March 2024 information sessions on local place plans, 8 attended. Presentations have been given to three community councils since February 2024.	Community councils and development trusts will be offered meetings regarding the local development plan and local place plan process
Engagement with key agencies and government agencies	To identify evidence that key agencies will be able to submit to inform evidence report	Meetings held with Transport Scotland, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, and NHSGGC.	Meet with key agencies as required and share relevant evidence in advance of submission of evidence report.
Engagement with development industry, businesses, and landowners	To identify the general and site-specific ambitions of the development industry and landowners	Initial 'call for ideas' survey produced 88 responses. Several one-to-one meetings held with developers and landowners.	Continue to meet with developers/ businesses/ landowners on request. Seek meetings with representative groups e.g. Homes for Scotland, Chamber of Commerce
Consult on draft evidence report templates	To test sufficiency of evidence, and identify disputes and gaps		Draft evidence report templates will be published and views sought on content. Registered participants will be notified of publication.

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Publish evidence report on council website	To make evidence report available to stakeholders		Inform stakeholders of publication of evidence report

Preparation of proposed local development plan

Engagement Activity	Timescale	Purpose	Progress at August 2024	Future activity
Support communities with finalisation of local place plans	April 2025>June 2025	To ensure as many local place plans as possible are finalised in time to inform the proposed local development plan		Engage with those communities preparing local place plans to encourage and facilitate validation and registration of local place plans and discuss how local place plan proposals can be included in local development plan. Where appropriate, use mediation to address conflicts between local place plans and alternative proposals.
'Call for ideas' survey	April 2025>May 2025	To enable developers, landowners, and communities to submit/ update ideas and proposals for specific sites in Renfrewshire		Publicise 'Call for ideas' survey to all registered participants, and more widely. Make submission form available online.
Consultation on suggested development sites	August>October 2025	To allow stakeholders to comment on the Council's initial assessment of sites that have been suggested for development sites		Publish initial/draft assessments of proposed development sites online and invite stakeholder comments. Where appropriate, use mediation to resolve different views.
Preparation of masterplans and site briefs in	April 2025>March 2026	To provide an opportunity for stakeholders to inform		Collaborate with communities and

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collaboration with stakeholders		the content of the proposed local development plan		developers to inform and develop area masterplans and development briefs for sites for inclusion in proposed local development plan.
Ongoing engagement with statutory stakeholders, community councils, children and young people, older people and gypsy/travellers and travelling showpeople	April 2025>March 2026	To ensure statutory engagement requirements are met and that the proposed plan is informed by engagement with these groups.		Continue to engage with all stakeholders through meetings and events
Liaise with organisations who will be responsible for actions included in the Draft Delivery Programme	April 2025>March 2026	To ensure that organisations are aware and supportive of their role in delivering the local development plan		Meetings with relevant organisations

Publication and consultation on proposed local development plan

Engagement Activity	Timescale	Purpose	Progress at August 2024	Future activity
Publish proposed local development plan for consultation	April 2026>June 2026	To provide an opportunity for communities and stakeholders to comment on the proposed local development plan. Minimum 12-week consultation period.		<p>Publish proposed local development plan for minimum 12-week consultation period.</p> <p>Make copy of proposed plan available online, in Council offices and libraries.</p> <p>Publicise publication of plan through social media, press and posters and carry out statutory notifications.</p> <p>Notify neighbours of sites proposed for development in the proposed plan.</p> <p>Attend meeting and events to publicise publication of proposed plan</p>
Liaise with stakeholders who are seeking modifications to the proposed local development plan	July>November 2026	To try and resolve representations/objections that are seeking changes to the proposed plan		Meetings with individuals/organisations that have submitted representations/objections. Where appropriate use mediation to resolve different views.

Examination and adoption

Engagement Activity	Timescale	Purpose	Progress at August 2024	Future activity
Examination further information requests	January>September 2027	The Reporter undertaking the examination may seek further information to fully understand representations		Where required, facilitate responses to further information requests
Publish modification report	October> December 2027	To inform participants of recommended changes to the proposed plan		Publish modification report and inform participants
Publish adopted local development plan	December 2027	To inform participants of the adoption of the local development plan		Publish the plan and make available in Council offices and libraries. Notify participants and place a press advert

Engagement with children and young people – activity up to August 2024.

The Place Strategy team is working closely with Youth Services colleagues within the Council to facilitate participation by children and young people in the preparation of the local development plan (LDP3). This has involved several meetings with colleagues from each service, initially to explain the requirement and benefit for children and young people involvement in the process, then to discuss the practicalities of this.

The initial engagement event was with Renfrewshire Youth Voice (<https://www.ryv.org.uk/about-us/>), which includes members of the Scottish Youth Parliament. This discussion focused on how participation with children and young people should be undertaken, and provided advice such that the place standard tool for children and young people would be a good way to engage, but that online surveys would not be likely to generate many responses.

Based on this information, contact with local secondary schools was made and engagement sessions arranged for May and June 2024. A session plan based around the young person's version of the place standard tool was designed in collaboration with Youth Services colleagues, and delivered jointly to seven secondary schools (Renfrew HS, Johnstone HS, Gryffe HS, St Benedict's HS, Gleniffer HS, St Andrew's HS & Linwood HS) over this period. Sessions were attended by approximately 98 secondary school pupils. Information was collected via maps, on which participants highlighted places they liked and disliked, via flipchart where place standard questions were answered, and via the place standard wheel. Work is ongoing to digitise the information collected so that it can be better recorded and more fully analysed.

Engagement has also taken place at the Council 'Summer of Fun' camps. This focused on play with questions around closest and favourite play parks, and where else children like to play. Children were engaged with at sessions held in 6 locations in Paisley, Renfrew Linwood, and Johnstone.

Mediation

The Council will work with all stakeholders to discuss any issues which could lead to potential challenges/concerns throughout the plan preparation process. One method that can be used to support this is mediation, which can help aid discussions.

The preparation of the Evidence Report will provide the opportunity for any concerns/disputes in the evidence base to be discussed and negotiated. Mediation may also be used in the latter stages of the plan preparation when the proposed plan is published and subject to further representations.

The Council will be open to considering any requests from stakeholders to use mediation, taking into account the potential benefits in terms of saving time and cost, and fostering better relationships going forward. This could be on an informal basis or through an independent third party.

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Social media – we will share updates on the Council's [X](#) and [Facebook](#) pages

Website – latest updates and documents will be published on the [LDP3 webpage](#)

Meetings – if you would like a presentation or meeting on the local development plan, please get in touch via localplanconsultation@renfrewshire.gov.uk or 0300 300 0144.