Midlothian Local Development Plan Proposed Plan 2014

The Council will publish its Proposed Plan for the Midlothian Local Development Plan on Thursday 14 May 2015. Publication will be followed by a period of six weeks ending on Friday 26 June 2015 within which formal representation can be made to the Council on the content of the Proposed Plan. The Revised Environmental Report will also be available, and observations can be submitted to the Council on its content during this same period. In addition the Proposed Action Programme will be available, as will a Non-Technical Summary of the Revised Environmental Report.

As the six-week representation period is a statutory stage in the preparation of the Plan, it will be strictly adhered to. Therefore, to ensure your Community Council is aware of the forthcoming consultation, the Council is providing this advance notice.

When the Proposed Plan is published, the Council will place a notice in the Advertiser, and include details of the publication on the Council’s website. It will also inform the Community Council and send hard copies of relevant documents. This package of documents will include:

- Midlothian Local Development Plan Proposed Plan 2014;
- Proposed Action Programme;
- Revised Environmental Report (incorporating the Habitats Regulations Appraisal); and
- Non-Technical Summary of the Revised Environmental Report.

These documents will be supplied to the Community Council for the start of the six week representation period. Details of how and where to submit representations to the Council, including representation forms to be used for this purpose, will be provided to the Community Council with the above documents. The deadline for submission of representations will be strictly adhered to, and submissions made after the set date will not be accepted.

All of the relevant documents will be available on the Council’s website, where the online development plan portal can be accessed. While/
While the Council is providing the Community Council with hard copies of the documents and the representation form, it does strongly encourage people to use the online development plan portal for submitting representations on the Proposed Plan or observations on the Revised Environmental Report. The portal will be accessible through the Council’s website: www.midlothian.gov.uk/mldp

Any submissions previously made in the Midlothian Local Development Plan process, such as on the Main Issues Report, will not be carried forward as being comments on the Proposed Plan, or Revised Environmental Report, where relevant. If your Community Council continues to have concerns regarding the Midlothian Local Development Plan, it must submit new representations to the Proposed Plan.

Individuals or other bodies that have registered their interest in the production of the Midlothian Local Development Plan and/or submitted comments on the Main Issues Report, will be informed of the publication of the Proposed Plan. In addition, any premises which are adjacent to a proposed development site identified in the Proposed Plan, will receive ‘neighbour notification’, of publication of the plan.

Contact Details

To ensure that the package of documents reaches the correct contact promptly, I would be grateful if you could please confirm who would be the preferred contact in the Community Council for receiving the documents, e.g. such as a planning representative. A postal address will be required for this contact person. Can you also please advise on your Community Council’s preferred method of contact and contact person for any other communications relating to the Midlothian Local Development Plan.

Next Steps after publication of the Proposed Plan

The Council will review all representations made on the Proposed Plan and observations submitted on the Revised Environmental Report. Where a representation is made to the Proposed Plan that cannot be resolved by the Council, and/or making an alteration would create a material change to the Proposed Plan, then the representation will be summarised by the Council, and together with a response from the Council, will be submitted to Scottish Ministers, along with the Proposed Plan and the associated documents. The representations will be considered at an Examination conducted by the Directorate of Planning and Environmental Appeals and an appointed Scottish Government Reporter(s).


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Please contact me if you have any questions on this letter or the production of the Midlothian Local Development Plan. I look forward to receiving confirmation from you on the Community Council’s preferred contact person and postal address for sending the documents.

Yours sincerely

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