

Community-led Planning Update

March 2024



This month's update highlights our newly published guidance on the community-led planning process, gives details of the upcoming peer support session and includes our regular feature of an example Local Place Plan. Keep reading to find out more!

Local Place Plan guidance



One message I frequently hear is the need for clear guidance and templates, to help community-led planning groups know what they are aiming for and to set out a roadmap of how to get there.

While there is already Scotland-wide guidance available on how to develop a Local Place Plan on the [Our Place website](#), there was a gap for locally relevant guidance, which also set out what support and resources there are available at each stage in the Scottish Borders.

[You can download our guide here](#)

The format follows a five-stage process which is outlined in the image. It is not intended to be a rigid structure and there may well be cycling back and forth between stages. The guide is an evolving document which Borders Community Action can update as we learn more about this process together. The support and resources offered through our pilot project are intended to be responsive to need and locally adaptable, so if you need support with something which is not mentioned, please let us know and we will see what we can do.

This is a guide to the *process*, rather than to the *content* of a Local Place Plan. We are awaiting official guidance on this from SBC Planning. In the meantime, there is guidance available from the [Scottish Government](#) and also a clear and helpful guide available from the [Berwickshire Area Partnership](#).

There is also guidance for Borderlands towns (Eyemouth, Jedburgh, Galashiels and Hawick) on the content of their Local Place Plans, which have additional requirements, available on request from beth@borderscommunityaction.org.uk

Peer support network

The next support network session will take place on **Thursday 25th April**, 6-8pm, online. The session will feature presentations on the process for registration of Local Place Plans and on tools for community engagement.

These sessions are for anyone in the Scottish borders who is involved in community-led planning. They are a collaboration between [Borders Community Action](#) (BCA) and Scottish Borders Council (SBC), with BCA convening the sessions and SBC providing technical support and some of the presentations. They replace the SBC “placemaking” peer webinars.

There will also be space for networking and updates on how things are going in your area.

[For further details and to register click here.](#)

Further sessions will be held on the following dates, with more details to follow:

- **Thursday 6 June 2024**
- **Thursday 15 August 2024**

Local Place Plan of the month

This month we are featuring [Linlithgow Local Place Plan](#).

According to the government guidance, LPPs should “have regard” for the NPF4 (the new National Planning Framework), the Local Development Plan and any locality plans covering the same area. Demonstrating how wider plans are reflected at a local level in your plan can seem a daunting task, so it is helpful to see how others have approached this.



Linlithgow LPP categorically states how it has met this requirement on P.4 and woven throughout the plan are references to national policy reflected in the NPF4. Catch-phrases which will stand out to funders and local planning authorities are worth taking time to get familiar with, such as [20-minute neighbourhoods](#), [Community Wealth Building](#), [Town Centre Living](#) and [sustainable places](#).

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Check out our [community-led planning webpage](#) which is packed with resources and tools to support you and links to previous updates.

Warmly,

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