

# Local Development Plan 2 Progress



Local Development Plan Newsletter

October 2019

## Proposed Local Development Plan (LDP2)

Publication of the new Proposed Local Development Plan 2 (PLDP2) will take place mid-November 2019. The September meeting of the full Council approved PLDP2 as the 'settled view' of the Council and agreed to a 10 week consultation period. This consultation will be open to everyone, with communities, developers, key agencies and other stakeholders able to have their say. It will be well publicised with adverts, social media, press releases, information on the Council website and direct mail to those on our contacts list.

Full details of how to view the plan and to respond to the consultation will be set out on the LDP2 website [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/ldp2](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/ldp2). It is important to make your views known during consultation period, whether you support or object to the content of the plan. Any valid objections to the Proposed Plan will then be subject to independent scrutiny by Reporters appointed by the Scottish Government. The Reporter will also take into consideration any comments of support where an objection has been made. The Reporters, consider all the information before them and then make recommendations as to whether the plan should be changed or remain the same. The Reporter's recommendations are binding on the Council. The changes that the Reporter has recommended need to be made to PLDP2 before it can be formally adopted (scheduled for 2020).

### Key Areas of Change in PLDP2

- A simplified settlement strategy with the existing Rural Opportunity Areas incorporated into a single Countryside zone.
- A more streamlined but rigorous approach to development in the countryside.
- The removal of ineffective allocations and Potential Development Areas (e.g. sites that have not been subject to any development proposals during the life of the current LDP or the previous Local Plan).
- An increased commitment to policy measures to reduce carbon emissions including a strengthened 'Sustainability Checklist' and a new 'Sustainable Buildings Checklist'.

You can keep up to date, access information on the Local Development Plan 2 and contact the Argyll and Bute Council Local Development Plan Team as set out opposite.

## Community Food Growing Strategy

The consultation on the [draft Argyll and Bute Council Community Food Growing Strategy](#) was a success and we would like to thank all those who responded. The comments are being taken into consideration in preparing the final strategy, which it is hoped will be approved by spring 2020.

Strategies are being prepared across the whole of Scotland in response to the duty placed on each local authority as set out in Part 9 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 which requires local authorities to produce a food growing strategy by April 2020. Our Community Food Growing Strategy aims to reflect the established culture in Argyll and Bute of growing our own food from gardens to allotments, community growing spaces and school gardens.

We recognise that our growing spaces are a valuable resource for individuals and communities, they provide a range of benefits which includes:

- Growing your own food contributes to low cost and environmentally sustainable ethos,
- Contributes to health and wellbeing – influencing a positive lifestyle choice and physical exercise,
- Social interaction and inclusion for a range of age groups and provides an opportunity for learning through knowledge exchange,
- Contribute to and benefit biodiversity

In terms of information gathering, we have surveyed stakeholders which has given us a snap shot of the current status of growing food in Argyll and Bute and held a consultation on the draft strategy.

The council maintains a Waiting List Register to facilitate requests for allotments from groups and individuals who interested in growing their own food. This will be reported on annually. If enough people register in an area where the numbers are viable and suitable land is found within the Argyll and Bute Council Estate that meets the criteria of being local, accessible and fit for purpose, the council will provide advice and guidance to help achieve a positive outcome.



Allotments at Henry Bell Street, Helensburgh

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