



Information Notice for the submission of

Dirleton & Area Local Place Plan

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To East Lothian Council

Submission date 31st July 2025

1. Introduction

This statement accompanies the submission of the Dirleton Local Place Plan to East Lothian Council and is the formal request to register the plan.

The Local Place Plan can be found online and downloaded here:

<https://dirletonvillage.org/dirleton-community-association/dirleton-and-area-local-place-plan>

The Local Place Plan and Information Notice have been prepared in accordance with:

- The Town and Country Planning (Local Place Plans) (Scotland) Regulations 2021
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2021/353/contents/made>
- Planning Circular 1/2022: Local Place Plans
<https://www.gov.scot/publications/circular-1-2022-local-place-plans/>

The plan concerns itself with the whole of the conservation area confirmed in 1969 (re-established in 1979). It also concerns itself with the Dirleton Cemetery area and the old Dirleton Common area, now New Mains Farm. The primary purpose is to provide an up-to-date statement of current issues we face and our aspirations for the next 5 years, to help public bodies, landowners, businesses and funders consider how they can best support positive change in the area.

It contains a vision and key priority areas of:

- Conservation
- Housing – with a proposed design guide
- Outdoor education
- The environment
- Connectivity (via travel, transport and digital means)



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Our vision is to be able to pass on our village to future generations as an unspoilt part of Scotland's heritage. We want to develop a sense of stewardship in the community and for all residents to act together as custodians of this. We would like to ensure that change enhances the village's historic character encouraging a growing sense of ownership that inspires high quality maintenance and care for the fabric of Dirleton. Promoting a sense of community that is based around cultural and environmental protection.

More generally, the purposes of the Local Place Plan are to:

- Guide planning policy and decision-making, public services and investment
- Provide our Community Council with a point of reference to respond to planning applications
- Guide our own community action and resourcing, including prioritising future spend by the Dirleton Community Association and exploring its potential to have greater positive community impact
- Support funding bids for initiatives, whether they are led by the local community or public bodies, and to influence planning policy and other public, private and community sector services and investment

This submission statement contains the following sections:

- Contact details for the Community Council
- Evidence of meeting the requirements for consulting on the Local Place Plan
- Statement explaining of regard given to the Local Development Plan and Local Planning Framework in preparing the Local Place Plan
- Explanation of the Community Council's view of the level and nature of support for the Local Place Plan
- Statement explaining how the Local Development Plan should be amended

2. Contact Details

Dirleton Community Association may be reached by email at dca@dirletonvillage.org

3. Statutory Consultation Notices

A draft Local Place Plan for Dirleton was emailed on 1st July 2025 to:

East Lothian Councillors (for Ward 04 North Berwick Coastal):

- Liz Allan (lallan2@eastlothian.gov.uk)
- Jeremy Findlay (jfindlay@eastlothian.gov.uk)
- Carol McFarlane (cmcfarlane1@eastlothian.gov.uk)
- Norman Hampshire – Council Leader (nhampshire@eastlothian.gov.uk)



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Gullane Area Community Council (gaccsecretary@gmail.com) and other community councils that connect to ours including:

- North Berwick (Secretary@northberwickcommunitycouncil.org.uk)
- Dunpender (dunpendercc@gmail.com)
- Haddington & District (all@haddingtoncc.org.uk)
- Longniddry (longniddrycc@eastlothian.gov.uk)

Those emails constitute the Information Notices required to comply with Section 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Place Plans) (Scotland) Regulations 2021. Copies are attached to this statement as appendices.

4. Regard Given to Existing Plans

See LPP Statement 1.

In preparing the Local Place Plan, the community had regard to the following plans:

- National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4)
- East Lothian Local Development Plan (2018)

All of these documents share overarching objectives relating to climate change, health and wellbeing and sustainable & resilient communities. This plan seeks to deliver on those objectives, plus their subsidiary agendas including active travel, community wealth-building, community empowerment, local living, rural revitalisation, a more balanced population and a growing skilled workforce.

As this plan is a living document, it will expand and grow as further public consultations are carried out. Thus, making suggestions for the next reviews of local and national policy. We hope these will be taken into account by national and local governments.

5. Support for the Local Place Plan

For more information on the community engagement process applied to develop the Dirleton Local Place Plan refer to engagement section of the document. Please see Appendix A (below) for specific items of support.

6. Amendments to the Local Development Plan

See LPP statement 3.

The Local Place Plan contains a number of suggestions for East Lothian Council to consider as it prepares for the forthcoming Local Development Plan.

We trust that East Lothian Council will find our suggestions helpful and we would be happy to discuss these more fully, should the Council require more detail.

We look forward to the forthcoming feedback.

7. Appendices – Copies of Information Notices provided to local Councillors and adjoining Community Councils



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Beyond the local consultation and engagement activities relating to the Dirleton Local Place Plan, the wider consultation period of 28-days took place from 1st July 2025. Please see Appendix B (Below) for evidence of feedback during the consultation period.



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Items received specifically in support of the Dirleton & Area LPP:

Email from Malcom Duck, Chairman, Gullane Area Community Council.

----- Original message -----

From: Malcolm Duck <malcolm@*****.co.uk>

Date: 30/06/2025 21:58 (GMT+00:00)

To: dca-committee@dirletonvillage.org

Cc: "Gullane Area Community Council (gaccsecretary@gmail.com)" <gaccsecretary@gmail.com>, "Simon Paterson-Brown" <spb@*****.uk>, alan.j.fraser@*****.uk

Subject: FW: Gullane Area Community Council supporting The Dirleton Local Place Plan

To The Dirleton Village Association Committee,

The Gullane Area Community Council's (GACC) view is that there is a high level of support for the Dirleton LPP in the community, as demonstrated by the Dirleton Community Association's submission. GACC is supportive of the Dirleton LPP.

Yours Aye,

Malcolm

Malcolm Duck

Chairman

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Consultation publication process

- The documents for consultation (The LPP and this document) were published on the Dirleton Village Website (dirletonvillage.org) on Monday 30th June 2025 around 1600(BST).
- An email was sent to all registered Dirleton Village residents and community organisations on Monday 30th June at around 1700(BST).
- Feedback mechanisms (online and email) were activated on Monday 30th June 2025 at around 1700(BST).
- Statistics were gathered over the consultation period.
- The feedback mechanisms were withdrawn on Tuesday 29th July 2025 at 0900(BST).

Consultation Notice Email

Subject: Dirleton Village Mailing List:Dirleton Village & Area Local Place Plan
From: "Dirleton Community Association (DCAVM)" <dca@dirletonvillage.org>
Sent: 30/06/2025, 16:55:09
To: [REDACTED]<[REDACTED]>



Communication from Dirleton Community Association (DCAVM)

Dear [REDACTED]

After many months of work and preparation the Dirleton Village and Area Local Place Plan (LPP) is now in it's final stage before submission to the Council.

This stage is the formal consultation period, which is a 28 day period where the LPP and associated document are on public display for digest and comments.

Please take time to visit the LPP section and, as appropriate, make any comments.

The link for the LPP documents is
<https://dirletonvillage.org/dirleton-community-association/dirleton-and-area-local-place-plan>

--End of mailing--

Dirleton Community Association
Dirleton
East Lothian

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If you do not wish to remain subscribed to this list then please send an email to dvweb-unsubscribe@dirletonvillage.org requesting to be unsubscribed.

Outbound Statistics

The outbound email was sent to a total of 250 email addresses representing the direct membership of the DCA and news subscribers both within and without the Dirleton Area. No delivery errors were reported.



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Document and Website Statistics

During the consultation period enhanced statistics were employed on the website.

Consultation Page Views	127
Downloads of LPP	94
Downloads of Consultation Document	25

Online Comments received	2
Email Comments received	1

Reaction to Comments Received

Two of the three comments received contained actionable suggestions. These have been considered and the submission LPP has been modified accordingly.

Comments Received

Comment 1 - 2nd July 2025

Subject: Dirleton Village Website "LPP Consultation Period Comment"

From: "Dirleton Village Website" <[redacted]@dirletonvillage.org>

Sent: 02/07/2025, 10:33:53

To: [redacted]@dirletonvillage.org

Message received from :
First Name : [redacted]
Last Name : [redacted]
Email Address : [redacted].com
Received : 02 Jul 2025 at 10:33

Comments:
I wish to express my full support for the draft Local Plan Plan for Dirleton and commend the considerable effort and consultation that has clearly gone into its preparation. The Plan reflects a thoughtful and balanced approach to the needs of the community while preserving the character of the village.

In particular, I welcome the proposed re-opening up of the Right of Way through or around New Mains Farm Steading. Long awaited enforcement action from the Local Authority is now very overdue. I am also fully supportive of the proposed improvements to active transport links to Fenton Barns and Drem, and also the improved mobile phone coverage. All key priorities.

Overall, I fully endorse the Local Plan's priorities and believe they will deliver lasting benefits to Dirleton and its surrounding communities.

Reply Sent to thank person for their support.



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Comment 2 - 14th July 2025

Subject: Comments on LPP
From: [redacted]@dirletonvillage.org>
Sent: 14/07/2025, 13:05:46
To: "LPP-Comments@dirletonvillage.org" <LPP-Comments@dirletonvillage.org>

Who we are' section:

Inaccuracies in description of groups etc:

Open Gardens is every two years, not every year. The Lunch Hub is part of Dirleton Good Neighbours not a separate group. The Market was never just 'craft', and will shortly restart as a community market. There is a Gullane and Dirleton History Society.

There is no mention of the greater than average retired population in Dirleton. and its specific needs. Nor of the sharp drop in Primary School numbers in recent years from an average of 80 to current 30.. Nor that the lack of, and need for, affordable housing affects young families and key workers as potential residents.

'Education' section:

Like the majority of schools, Dirleton Primary does not have a good playing field and the Paddock section of the Hareup Plantation could provide this, but the larger area of the plantation would require considerable input from the school to develop and with just two composite class teachers and sharing the headmaster with another school, its resources are already very overstretched. Plus this land is owned by Archerfield Estates, whose main regard is likely to be commercial considerations. This section of the Plan underrates the actual playground facilities of Dirleton Primary. It is a large area surrounding the building with plenty of play area – some marked out for specific games. There is a spacious outdoor classroom, numerous raised beds and some wild areas.

The children have regular sessions gardening with a support teacher. They also have a nearby orchard (kindly provided by the local farmer) which has led to an award winning Social Enterprise project with apples, a story telling area and a willow tunnel that is harvested for school activities.

Inaccuracies stated have been corrected in the submitted LPP.

Reply sent to thank person for comments and discursive points.

Comment 3 - 15th July 2025

Subject: Dirleton Village Website "LPP Consultation Period Comment"
From: "Dirleton Village Website" [redacted]@dirletonvillage.org>
Sent: 15/07/2025, 12:37:07
To: [redacted]@dirletonvillage.org

Message received from :

First Name : [redacted]

Last Name : [redacted]

Email Address : [redacted]@co.uk

Received : 15 Jul 2025 at 12:37

Comments:

Thank you to all of you who have put in the work to produce this excellent plan for Dirleton which is clear and concise and professional. I agree with all the points made.

One correction – page 4 The open gardens scheme is biennial not annual

One additional thought which may be appropriate for future plans rather than this one, would be how we could provide renewable energy for the village.

The one correction item has been amended in the Submitted LPP.

Reply sent to thank person for comments and their support.