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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 (reestablished 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 (<u>lallan2@eastlothian.gov.uk</u>)
- Jeremy Findlay (<u>jfindlay@eastlothian.gov.uk</u>)
- Carol McFarlane (<u>cmcfarlane1@eastlothian.gov.uk</u>)
- 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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Appendix A – Items of Support

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 Coucil (gaccsecretary@gmail.com)" <gaccsecretary@gmail.com>, "Simon

Paterson-Brown" <spb@********.uk>, alanj.fraser@*******.uk

Subject: FW: Gullane Area Community Council supporting The Dirleton Local Pace 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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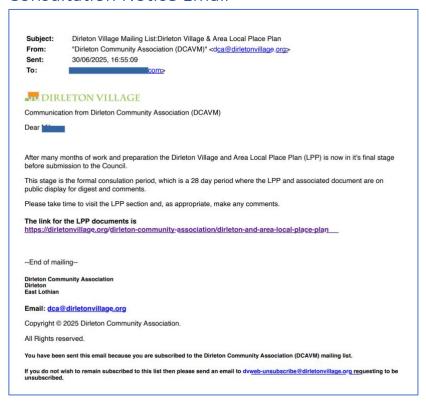
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Appendix B - Feedback from Consultation

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 Fmail



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

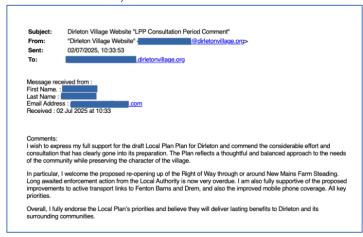
ſ	Online Comments received	2
ſ	Email Comments received	1

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



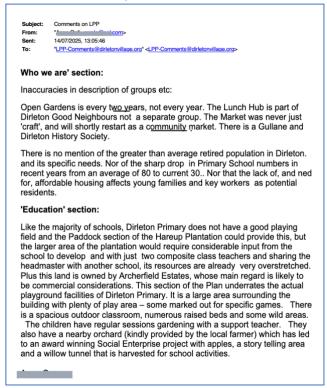
Reply Sent to thank person for their support.



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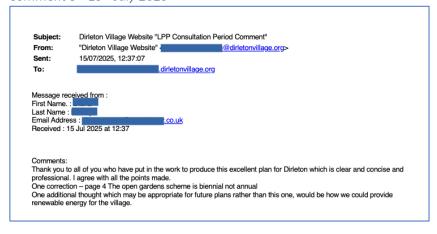
Comment 2 - 14th July 2025



Inaccuracies stated have been corrected in the submitted LPP.

Reply sent to thank person for comments and discursive points.

Comment 3 - 15th July 2025



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

Reply sent to thank person for comments and their support.