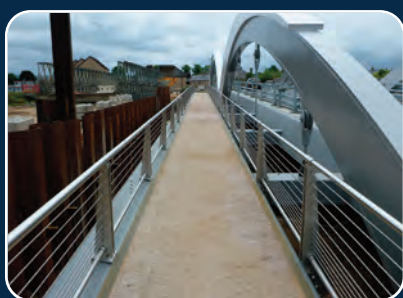


# PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME

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## INTRODUCTION

The Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006 introduced the requirement for planning authorities to prepare a Development Plan Scheme. The Scheme sets out the Council's proposed timetable for the review and preparation of its Development Plan and explains how it will engage with community, business and other interested parties.

The Development Plan Scheme is reviewed at least annually. This Scheme sets out the key milestones for the preparation of the Moray Local Development Plan 2020, with a particular focus on the early preparatory work leading towards publication of the Main Issues Report.

### Current Development Plan

The current Development Plan for Moray is the Moray Local Development Plan 2015 which was adopted on 31st July 2015.



### New Local Development Plan

Scottish Government Circular 6/2013 identifies that there are five key stages in preparing a Local Development Plan as shown in diagram 1 on page 5. The Circular suggests that it will normally take in the region of 31 months from beginning through to adoption.

Once adopted the LDP, along with supplementary planning guidance and other material considerations will provide the basis for determining planning applications. The LDP covers the administrative area of Moray excluding the Cairngorms National Park, which has its own LDP.

### Evidence Base

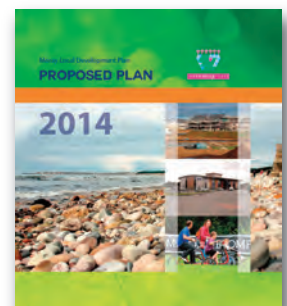
At the evidence gathering stage, the Council should gather data and monitor the effectiveness of current policies and consider the need for additional housing and employment land. Section 16 of the Act requires planning authorities to publish a Monitoring Statement which is one way of identifying the issues to be discussed in the Main Issues Report. The Council has re-introduced the preparation of annual Monitoring reports to analyse the performance of planning policies and development activity.

### Main Issues Report

Section 17 of the Act requires planning authorities to compile a Main Issues Report which should identify the authority's preferred options and consider reasonable alternatives where these are available. Extensive engagement takes place at the Main Issues Report stage.

### Proposed Plan

Having had regard to representations received on the Main Issues Report, section 18 of the Act requires the planning authority to prepare and publish a Proposed Plan, which addresses the spatial implications of economic, social and environmental change, identifies opportunities for development and sets out the authority's policies for the development and use of land. The Proposed Plan also includes an Action Programme which sets out what is required to deliver the action and the timescale for each action. The Action Programme will be reviewed as part of the annual Monitoring Report on the LDP.



## Examination

Unresolved representations to the Proposed Plan are forwarded to the Scottish Government with a request for a formal Examination by a Reporter(s) appointed by Scottish Ministers. The Reporter(s) will convene hearings if considered appropriate and submit a report to the Council with recommendations which are largely binding on the authority.

## Adoption

The Council is required to publish the modifications arising from the Reporter's report and within three months of receiving the Examination Report to send details of the modifications made and the Proposed Plan to the Scottish Ministers. 28 days after this, the authority may adopt the plan unless directed not to by the Scottish Ministers.

## Moray Local Development Plan 2020

The Moray Local Development Plan was adopted on 31st July 2015 and its replacement should be adopted within 5 years to meet the Scottish Government target of a 5 year cycle.

Early work and project management is currently progressing to ensure the target date for the Moray Local Development Plan 2020 of July 2020 is met, including;

- Preparation of Project Plan and Communication Plan
- Presentation to Community Engagement Group  
**September 2016**
- Presentation to Joint Community Councils of Moray  
**November 2016**
- Early Call for Sites issued  
**November 2016**
- Presentation to Community Planning Board  
**December 2016**



The 5 key stages are summarised in Table 1 with further detail provided in Table 2.

**Table 1:** The key stages of LDP preparation.

<b>EVIDENCE GATHERING</b> Aug 2016 – May 2017	<b>LDP process presentation to community representatives</b>	<b>Nov 2016</b>
	<b>Issue call for informal bids</b>	<b>Nov 2016</b>
	<b>Electronic Newsletter</b>	<b>Oct 2016</b>
<b>MAIN ISSUES REPORT</b> June 2017 – March 2018	<b>Main Issues workshop for community representatives</b>	<b>Sept 2017</b>
	<b>12 week public consultation</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 2018</b>
	<b>Neighbour Notification</b>	<b>Jan 2018</b>
	<b>Series of drop in exhibitions throughout Moray</b>	<b>Jan – Mar 2018</b>
	<b>Electronic newsletter</b>	<b>Dec 2017</b>
<b>PROPOSED PLAN</b> April 2018 – Sept 2018	<b>Proposed workshop for community representatives</b>	<b>April 2018</b>
	<b>12 week public consultation</b>	<b>July – Sept 2018</b>
	<b>Neighbour Notification</b>	<b>July 2018</b>
	<b>Series of drop in exhibitions throughout Moray</b>	<b>July – Sept 2018</b>
	<b>Electronic newsletter</b>	<b>June 2018</b>
<b>EXAMINATION</b> March 2019 – Nov 2019	<b>Electronic newsletter</b>	<b>July 2019</b>
<b>ADOPTION</b> Dec 2019 – July 2020	<b>Awareness raising session on implementation of the plan</b>	<b>Mar 2020</b>
	<b>Electronic newsletter</b>	



Table 2	2016				2017				2018				2019				2020			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>Evidence Gathering</b>																				
Housing Need and Demand Assessment																				
Monitoring Report																				
Employment Land Study																				
Communications Plan																				
Elected Member Focus Groups																				
Community Engagement Group																				
Community Planning Partnership Engagement																				
Engage with Communities																				
Engage with Council Staff																				
Informal Call for Bids																				
Establish Infrastructure Delivery Group																				
Engagement with Young People																				
<b>Main Issues Report</b>																				
Call for Bids																				
Prepare Main Issues Report																				
Approve MIR																				
Neighbour Notification and Public Consultation																				
<b>Proposed Plan</b>																				
Prepare Proposed Plan and report to Committee																				
Neighbour notification and public consultation																				
Prepare Schedule 4's and report back to Committee																				
<b>Examination</b>																				
Examination process, respond to further information requests																				
Examination report published																				
Report Examination Report to Committee																				
<b>Adopt</b>																				
Publish Notice of Intention to adopt																				
Adopt new Plan																				
<b>Supporting Implementation Work</b>																				
Rural Groupings review																				
Wind Energy Policy Guidance																				
Open Space Strategy																				
Woodlands Strategy																				
Masterplan preparation and implementation for Findrassle, Elgin South, Bilsbail and Dallas Dhu (Forres)																				
Developer Obligations Guidance																				







