

Renfrewshire Council
Local Development Plan (LDP3)
Draft Participation Statement Update
Consultation - August 2025



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Introduction

Thank you for your interest in the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan (LDP3)

As part of preparing the local development plan, the Council is required to prepare a development plan scheme and publish this annually. The 2024 development plan scheme can be viewed at <https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/13368/Get-involved-in-preparing-the-new-Local-Development-Plan>.

The development plan scheme is to include a participation statement setting out the consultation that will be undertaken when preparing the local development plan. When preparing its development plan scheme, the Council is to seek the views of the public on the content of the participation statement.

Renfrewshire Council is currently preparing its 2025 development plan scheme. As part of this process, the Council is consulting on its revised participation statement ahead of publishing the full 2025 development plan scheme later this year.

Your views on how the Council intend to engage on the preparation of the local development plan, as set out in this draft participation statement, are sought by **Friday 26 September 2025**. In considering the draft participation statement, you might want to think about:

- whether there are specific groups or organisations we should be consulting with
- if there are specific ways you would like us to use to engage with you (e.g. meetings, online surveys, drop-in events)

Comments can be submitted via our 2025 development planning participation and information survey available (<https://arcg.is/jDOf40>) , by email to localplanconsultation@renfrewshire.gov.uk, or by writing to Place Strategy Team, Renfrewshire Council, 4th Floor, Renfrewshire House, Paisley, PA1 1BR. For further information, please email or call us on 0300 300 0144 and ask for a member of the local development plan team.

Participation Statement

Everyone will have an opportunity to get involved in the preparation of the next Renfrewshire Local Development Plan.

Effective consultation and engagement are vital, as the Local Development Plan can affect where people live, work, visit, shop, play and travel in Renfrewshire. Your involvement and feedback can help us understand priorities for Renfrewshire and deliver a spatial strategy that addresses the issues important to communities.

We want to make it as easy as possible for everyone who has an interest to engage in the process.

The following pages set out how we intend to manage, facilitate and encourage engagement in the local development plan process.

Opportunities to become involved in the preparation of LDP3 will be advertised through social media, updates on the Councils website, emails/letters to everyone who has registered interest in the local development plan process, and notices in the local newspaper (when required).

Those with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010, including disability, race, age, gender, sex and sexual orientation, religion and people from a range of socio-economic backgrounds and their representatives will be supported where required to get involved in the preparation of the new plan.

There are a number of key stages to get involved in the plan preparation. The table below sets out the engagement activities that will be undertaken at each stage, the purpose of it, progress at August 2025, and future activity.

Managing engagement

Engagement Activity	Purpose	Progress at August 2025	Future activity
Participation statement	To inform stakeholders about the local development plan process and involve them by providing an opportunity for stakeholders to shape the engagement process	A consultation was undertaken in August 2023 to inform the 2023 development plan scheme and participation statement, and in August/September 2024 to inform the 2024 participation statement update.	A consultation will be held on significant changes in future annual updates of the participation statement.
Participation database and diary	Maintain a record of participants who have registered interest in the local development plan process.	Participation registration form created. As of August 2025, there were 1425 participants registered in the participant database.	Registration form remains open, and all engagement activity will be recorded.

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	Maintain a record of engagement events	The participation diary had recorded 84 engagement activities since February 2024, being a mix of meetings/events and survey launches/notifications.	
Local development plan webpages and LDP3 hub	Promote engagement in local development plan and make consultation information available	Draft LDP3 Evidence Report and associated mapping uploaded to LDP3 hub for March-April 2025 public consultation, and linked from webpage.	Keep webpage updated and further develop LDP3 hub pages.
Combined equalities assessment	To ensure compliance with the Equality Act 2010 and the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child.	An initial equalities assessment focused on consultation/engagement was prepared in October 2024.	An equalities assessment focused on the content of the proposed plan will be prepared in conjunction with, and published alongside, the proposed plan.

Early engagement and evidence report preparation

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'Have your say on Renfrewshire's places' survey (based on the Place Standard)	To involve and collaborate with communities in the evidence gathering process, enabling them to offer comment on what is good and what can be improved in their local area.	The survey was launched on 28 March 2024 and was made available online and in libraries through Renfrewshire. 261 responses have been received.	Early engagement to support evidence report preparation has been completed. Results of the have your say survey will be reflected in the evidence report consultation report.
'Call for ideas' survey	To involve developers, landowners and	The survey was launched online on 28 March 2024, and actively	The initial survey is closed and a second stage 'Call for

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	communities, enabling them to submit ideas and proposals for specific sites in Renfrewshire.	promoted until 31 May 2024. 97 responses had been received by July 2025.	ideas' survey will be held during the proposed plan preparation period – further details below.
Children and young people engagement	To involve children and young people in the preparation of the evidence report.	Working with Youth Services, 8 of Renfrewshire's secondary schools have been visited to gather views from pupils on what they like and do not like about their communities. Over 100 pupils have attended the workshops. Workshops were held with children at the Council's summer holiday camps. These focused on play opportunities. 505 children and young people (under 18) responded to surveys during the preparation of the play sufficiency assessment. A combination of online surveys and teacher-facilitated classroom surveys was used.	Early engagement to support evidence report preparation has been completed. Results of engagement with children and young people will be reflected in the evidence report consultation report and play sufficiency assessment.
Local place plans	Promote local place plans as an opportunity for communities to be involved in the local development plan process and be empowered to decide on the content of their local place plans.	Invitation to prepare local place plans was issued to community councils and development trusts in May 2023 and placed on webpage. Information sessions were held in March 2024, and monthly online drop-in sessions have been held since December 2024.	Early engagement to support evidence report preparation has been completed. Support for preparation of Local Place Plans will continue as part of proposed plan process – further details below.

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		Local place plans can be submitted at any point, but only those submitted prior to 31 st March 2026 will be considered in the preparation of LDP3. In March 2025, the Council launched its Local Place Plan fund and invited expressions of interest and applications. Ten groups have been offered funding with another offer pending. Nine of these groups have received funding and have commenced preparations of their Local Place Plans.	
Engagement with gypsy/traveller and travelling showpeople communities	To involve gypsy/traveller and travelling showpeople communities in identifying accommodation needs within Renfrewshire.	Engagement with owners of Renfrewshire's existing private gypsy/travellers site about needs of the wider community.	Early engagement to support evidence report preparation has been completed. Engagement with gypsy/traveller and travelling showpeople communities will continue disabled people will be undertaken as part of proposed plan preparation.
Engagement with disabled people	To involve disabled people in identifying housing needs for disabled people within Renfrewshire.	The 'Have your say on Renfrewshire's places' survey collected equalities data. Of the 261 responses received, 38 respondents (15%) indicated that they had a disability, with	Early engagement to support evidence report preparation has been completed. Engagement with disabled people will continue to be undertaken

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		some responses referring to issues associated with their disability in their detailed responses. A meeting was held with Engage Renfrewshire in August 2025 to identify disabled organisations for focused engagement.	as part of proposed plan preparation.
Engagement with community councils, development trusts and local partnerships	To involve communities, identifying their expectations for the new local development plan and to promote the preparation of local place plans.	All community councils and development trusts were invited to the March 2024 information sessions on local place plans, 8 attended. Presentations have been given to and information sessions have been attended by fourteen community councils/development trusts since February 2024. Additionally, presentations have been given to four local partnerships.	Early engagement to support evidence report preparation has been completed. Engagement with community council etc will continue as part of proposed plan preparation.
Engagement with key agencies and government agencies	To identify evidence that key agencies will be able to submit to inform evidence report	Meetings held with Transport Scotland, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, Scottish Water, NHSGGC, SEPA, Sport Scotland, Historic Environment Scotland, NatureScot, GGCNHS and Scottish Enterprise. These stakeholders, as well as Marine Scotland and Forestry Scotland, were consulted on the draft	Early engagement to support evidence report preparation has been completed. Engagement with key and government agencies will continue as part of proposed plan preparation.

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		evidence report and provided feedback which was taken into account when finalising the evidence report.	
Engagement with development industry, businesses and landowners	To identify the general and site specific ambitions of the development industry and landowners	Initial 'call for ideas' survey produced 97 responses (not all from development industry). Several one-to-one meetings held with developers and landowners.	Early engagement to support evidence report preparation has been completed. Second 'call for ideas' survey to be held during the preparation of the proposed plan.
Consult on draft evidence report templates	To test sufficiency of evidence, and identify disputes and gaps	Draft evidence report templates were published in March/April 2025 and views sought on content. Registered participants were be notified of publication.	Early engagement to support evidence report preparation has been completed.
Publish evidence report on council website	To make evidence report available to stakeholders		Publish finalised evidence report on website. Inform stakeholders when evidence report approved by Council and submitted to Scottish ministers for gate check.
Inform stakeholders of outcome of gate check	To advise stakeholders on the outcome of the gate check.		Webpage to be updated and email sent to mailing list.

Preparation of proposed local development plan

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Support communities with finalisation of local place plans	To ensure as many local place plans as possible are finalised in time to inform the proposed local development plan.		Engage with those communities preparing local place plans to encourage and facilitate validation and registration of local place plans and discuss how local place plan proposals can be included in local development plan. Continue to hold monthly drop-in sessions for as long as they are required/purposeful. Where appropriate, use mediation to address conflicts between local place plans and alternative proposals.
'Call for ideas' survey	To involve developers, landowners and communities, enabling them to submit ideas and proposals for specific sites in Renfrewshire.		Publicise second 'Call for ideas' survey to all registered participants, and more widely. Make submission form available online.
Consultation on suggested development sites	To allow stakeholders to comment on the Council's initial assessment of sites		Publish initial/draft assessments of proposed development sites online

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	that have been suggested for development sites		and invite stakeholder comments. Where appropriate, use mediation to resolve different views.
Preparation of scope/briefs of technical reports required to inform preparation of Proposed Plan	To provide key agencies with an input to the scope/briefs of technical reports		Meet/liaise with relevant key agencies and share proposed scope/briefs for comment.
Preparation of masterplans and site briefs in collaboration with stakeholders	To involve stakeholders, providing them with an opportunity for to inform the content of the proposed local development plan.		Work with communities and developers to inform and develop area masterplans and development briefs for sites for inclusion in proposed local development plan.
Ongoing engagement with statutory stakeholders, community councils, children and young people, disabled people, older people and gypsy/travellers and travelling showpeople.	To ensure statutory engagement requirements are met and that the proposed plan is informed by involving these groups.		Continue to engage with all stakeholders through meetings and events.
Liaise with organisations who will be responsible for actions included in the Draft Delivery Programme	To ensure that organisations are aware and supportive of their role in delivering the local development plan.		Meetings with relevant organisations.

Publication and consultation on proposed local development plan

Engagement Activity	Purpose	Progress at August 2025	Future activity
Publish proposed local development plan for consultation, draft strategic environmental assessment environmental report and draft habitat regulations appraisal	To involve communities and stakeholders by providing them with an opportunity to comment on the proposed local development plan.		<p>Publish proposed local development plan and assessment/appraisal documents for minimum 12-week consultation period.</p> <p>Make copy of proposed plan available online, in Council offices and libraries.</p> <p>Publicise publication of plan through social media, press and posters and carry out statutory notifications.</p> <p>Notify neighbours of sites proposed for development in the proposed plan.</p> <p>Attend meeting and events to publicise publication of proposed plan</p>
Liaise with stakeholders who are seeking modifications to the proposed local development plan	Consult with stakeholders to try and resolve representations/objections that are seeking changes to the proposed plan.		<p>Meetings with individuals/organisations that have submitted representations/objections. Where appropriate use mediation to resolve different views.</p>

Examination and adoption

Engagement Activity	Purpose	Progress at August 2025	Future activity
Examination further information requests	The Reporter undertaking the examination may consult stakeholders and seek further information to fully understand representations.		Where required, facilitate responses to further information requests.
Publish modification report	To inform participants of recommended changes to the proposed plan.		Publish modification report and inform participants.
Publish adopted local development plan	To inform participants of the adoption of the local development plan.		Publish the plan and make available in Council offices and libraries. Notify participants and place a press advert.

Engagement with children and young people – activity up to August 2025

The Place Strategy team is working closely with Youth Services colleagues within the Council to facilitate participation by children and young people in the preparation of the local development plan (LDP3). This has involved several meetings with colleagues from each service, initially to explain the requirement and benefit for children and young people involvement in the process, then to discuss the practicalities of this.

The initial engagement event was with Renfrewshire Youth Voice (<https://www.ryv.org.uk/about-us/>), which includes members of the Scottish Youth Parliament. This discussion focused on how participation with children and young people should be undertaken, and provided advice such that the place standard tool for children and young people would be a good way to engage, but that online surveys would not be likely to generate many responses.

Based on this information, contact with local secondary schools was made and engagement sessions arranged. A session plan based around the young person's version of the place standard tool was designed in collaboration with Youth Services colleagues, and delivered jointly to eight secondary schools (Renfrew HS, Johnstone HS, Gryffe HS, St Benedict's HS, Gleniffer HS, St Andrew's HS, Linwood HS & Park Mains HS) over this period. Sessions were attended by over 100 secondary school pupils. Information was collected via maps, where participants highlighted places they liked and disliked, via flipchart where place standard questions were answered, and via the place standard wheel. Work is ongoing to digitise the information collected so that it can be better recorded and more fully analysed.

Engagement has also taken place at the Council 'Summer of Fun' camps. This focused on play with questions around closest and favourite play parks, and where else children like to play. Children were engaged with at these sessions which were held in 6 locations in Paisley, Linwood and Johnstone.

505 children and young people (under 18) completed surveys during the preparation of the play sufficiency assessment in May-June 2025. A combination of online surveys and teacher-facilitated classroom surveys was used, with different surveys made available to account for age and literacy level. Questions included the availability of play opportunities, favourite play activities, favourite play spaces, feelings of safety, and the attitude of the community towards children and young people playing out.

Mediation

The Council will work with all stakeholders to discuss any issues which could lead to potential challenges/concerns throughout the plan preparation process. One method that can be used to support this is mediation, which can help aid discussions.

The preparation of the Evidence Report will provide the opportunity for any concerns/disputes in the evidence base to be discussed and negotiated. Mediation may also be used in the latter stages of the plan preparation when the proposed plan is published and subject to further representations.

The Council will be open to considering any requests from stakeholders to use mediation, taking into account the potential benefits in terms of saving time and cost, and fostering better relationships going forward. This could be on an informal basis or through an independent third party.

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Social media – we will share updates on the Council's [Bluesky](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) pages

Website – latest updates and documents will be published on the [LDP3 webpage](#)

Meetings – if you would like a presentation or meeting on the local development plan, please get in touch via localplanconsultation@renfrewshire.gov.uk or 0300 300 0144.