

# **Kincardine Local Place Plan: Supporting Statement**

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## Introduction

This Supporting Statement forms part of the Local Place Plan submission to Fife Council and is accompanying the Kincardine Local Place Plan dated *10/06/2024*

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## Regard given to the Local Development Plan

Fife's current Local Development Plan was approved in 2017 and sets out policies and proposals for the development and use of land across Fife. An annotated copy of the LDP map for Kincardine is included in the local place plan for reference purposes.

## Regard given to the National Planning Framework

Scotland's National Planning Framework 4 was published in 2023 and sets out spatial principles, regional priorities, national developments and national planning policy.

Throughout the production of the Kincardine Local Place Plan, reference was made to NPF4 policies.

We aligned our LPP community propositions with the NPF4 themes of Sustainable, Liveable and Productive Places.

We have also adapted open source GMS icons to represent each NPF4 policy. In this way the community proposition can be located on the LPP map by use of the NPF4 icon. This enables a consistent approach of national policy alignment with community propositions.

The NPF4 icon set can be viewed in the link below

<https://padlet.com/crthub/kincardine-local-place-plan-kpsb48hlqve90iru>

### Supporting Statements for propositions and amendments to the Local Development Plan 2017: Kincardine Fife Local Place Plan

#### Amendment 1: Add Tulliallan Woods and Moor Loch to Protected Green Space

#### Supporting Statement for Proposed Amendment to the Local Development Plan 2017

**Proposal:** Add Tulliallan Woods and Moor Loch to protected green space.

**Introduction:** This amendment proposes adding Tulliallan Woods and Moor Loch to the list of protected green spaces within Kincardine, Fife. This initiative aims to conserve the natural environment and promote biodiversity while providing recreational opportunities for the community.

**Background and Context:** Tulliallan Woods and Moor Loch are significant natural assets within Kincardine. These areas provide habitat for diverse wildlife and serve as important recreational spaces for residents and visitors. Protecting these green spaces will enhance the ecological health of the region and preserve its natural beauty.

**Community Engagement and Support:** Community engagement efforts, including surveys and public meetings, indicate strong support for the conservation of Tulliallan Woods and Moor Loch. Key points include:

- **Environmental Concerns:** Residents have expressed a desire to protect local green spaces from development.
- **Support for Recreation:** The community values these areas for walking, birdwatching, and other outdoor activities.
- **Local Endorsements:** Environmental groups and local organizations have endorsed this proposal, recognizing the long-term benefits of conservation.

#### Justification for the Amendment:

1. **Environmental Conservation:** Protecting these areas will preserve habitats for wildlife and maintain biodiversity.

2. **Recreational Value:** These green spaces provide vital recreational areas for physical activity and mental well-being.
3. **Community Health:** Enhancing green spaces contributes to the overall health and quality of life for residents.

**Alignment with NPF4 Policies:**

- **NPF4 Policy 6: Forestry, Woodland, and Trees:** This proposal aligns with the policy's emphasis on conserving and enhancing natural woodlands and green spaces.

**Technical Considerations:** Environmental assessments need to be carried out to confirm the ecological value of Tulliallan Woods and Moor Loch. Future plans will include:

- **Biodiversity Studies:** Detailed studies to monitor and enhance local biodiversity.
- **Recreational Infrastructure:** Development of paths and signage to improve accessibility without disrupting the natural environment.

**Conclusion:** The proposed amendment to add Tulliallan Woods and Moor Loch to protected green space is vital for environmental conservation and community well-being. We urge the planning authorities to approve this amendment to safeguard these natural assets for future generations.

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## **Amendment 2: Add the Bluebell Woods to Protected Green Space**

### **Supporting Statement for Proposed Amendment to the Local Development Plan 2017**

**Proposal:** Add Bluebell Woods (NS 93038 88355 and NS 92950 88439) to protected green space.

**Introduction:** This amendment seeks to protect Bluebell Woods by designating them as protected green spaces. This initiative supports environmental sustainability and enhances the natural beauty and biodiversity of Kincardine.

**Background and Context:** Bluebell Woods are known for their rich biodiversity and scenic beauty, particularly during the bluebell blooming season. These woods are valuable ecological sites that provide habitat for numerous species and offer a serene natural environment for community recreation.

**Community Engagement and Support:** Extensive community engagement has shown widespread support for protecting Bluebell Woods. Key findings include:

- **Ecological Importance:** Residents recognise the woods as important habitats for wildlife.
- **Aesthetic Value:** The community appreciates the natural beauty and seasonal appeal of the bluebell blooms.
- **Recreational Use:** The woods are popular for walking, dog walking, photography, and nature observation.

### **Justification for the Amendment:**

1. **Biodiversity Protection:** Designating Bluebell Woods as protected spaces will preserve their rich biodiversity.
2. **Aesthetic and Recreational Benefits:** Protecting these woods ensures they remain accessible and enjoyable for recreational purposes.
3. **Community and Environmental Health:** Enhanced green spaces contribute to both ecological health and community well-being.

### **Alignment with NPF4 Policies:**

- **NPF4 Policy 6: Forestry, Woodland, and Trees:** This proposal supports the conservation and enhancement of woodlands, contributing to biodiversity and ecological balance.

**Technical Considerations:** Studies require to be carried out to highlight the ecological significance of Bluebell Woods. Future technical considerations include:

- **Ecological Surveys:** Regular surveys to monitor and protect local species.
- **Path Development:** Maintenance and improvement of paths to balance public access with conservation needs.

**Conclusion:** Adding Bluebell Woods to protected green spaces is crucial for preserving biodiversity and enhancing the quality of life in Kincardine. This amendment aligns with national policies on forestry and green spaces, supporting both environmental sustainability and community enjoyment.

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### **Amendment 3: Solar Energy Site (NS 94292 86030)**

#### **Supporting Statement for Proposed Amendment to the Local Development Plan 2017**

**Proposal:** Designate Solar Energy Site (NS 94292 86030) for energy generation.

**Introduction:** This amendment proposes designating a site for solar energy generation to support renewable energy initiatives in Kincardine, Fife. This aligns with national goals for reducing carbon emissions and promoting sustainable energy sources.

**Background and Context:** The proposed site for solar energy generation is strategically located to optimise solar exposure and integrate with existing energy infrastructure. Transitioning to renewable energy sources is essential for meeting climate goals and reducing the community's carbon footprint.

**Community Engagement and Support:** Community consultations have shown strong support for renewable energy projects. Key points include:

- **Environmental Impact:** Residents are aware of the positive environmental impact of solar energy.

- **Economic Benefits:** There is support for the potential economic benefits, including job creation and local investment.
- **Energy Independence:** The community values the move towards greater energy self-sufficiency.

**Justification for the Amendment:**

1. **Renewable Energy Transition:** This site will contribute to national and local renewable energy targets.
2. **Environmental Benefits:** Solar energy reduces greenhouse gas emissions and supports sustainable development.
3. **Economic Advantages:** The project can generate economic opportunities and provide financial benefits to the local community.

**Alignment with NPF4 Policies:**

- **NPF4 Policy 11: Green Energy:** This proposal supports the policy’s goals of increasing renewable energy capacity and reducing carbon emissions.

**Technical Considerations:** Technical assessments need to be carried out to confirm the site’s suitability for solar energy generation. Key considerations include:

- **Solar Potential:** Analysis of solar irradiance to ensure optimal energy production.
- **Grid Integration:** Plans for connecting the solar facility to the local power grid efficiently.
- **Environmental Impact:** Environmental impact assessments to mitigate any potential negative effects on the local ecosystem.

**Conclusion:** Designating the site for solar energy generation is a forward-thinking step towards sustainable energy in Kincardine. This amendment aligns with NPF4 policies and supports environmental, economic, and community benefits. Approval of this amendment will contribute to a greener and more resilient future.

**Amendment 4: Geothermal Energy Site (NS 94292 86030)**

**Supporting Statement for Proposed Amendment to the Local Development Plan 2017**

**Proposal:** Designate Geothermal Energy Site (NS 94292 86030) for energy generation.

**Introduction:** This amendment proposes the designation of a site for geothermal energy generation in Kincardine, contributing to renewable energy initiatives and sustainable development goals.

**Background and Context:** Geothermal energy harnesses the heat from the earth’s subsurface, offering a reliable and sustainable energy source. The proposed site is well suited for geothermal energy production, leveraging local geological conditions.

**Community Engagement and Support:** Community feedback has indicated strong support for innovative renewable energy projects. Highlights include:

- **Environmental Sustainability:** Residents support the use of sustainable energy sources to reduce environmental impact.
- **Energy Security:** The community values the potential for reliable, continuous energy supply from geothermal sources.
- **Economic Opportunities:** There is enthusiasm for the economic benefits, including potential job creation and investment in local infrastructure.

**Justification for the Amendment:**

1. **Sustainable Energy:** Geothermal energy is a low-emission, sustainable energy source that aligns with climate goals.
2. **Reliability:** Geothermal energy provides a stable and continuous energy supply, enhancing energy security.
3. **Economic Growth:** The project can stimulate local economic growth through job creation and infrastructure development.

**Alignment with NPF4 Policies:**

- **NPF4 Policy 11: Green Energy:** This amendment supports the policy’s emphasis on increasing renewable energy capacity and reducing dependency on fossil fuels.

**Technical Considerations:** Technical assessments would need to be carried out to confirm the feasibility of geothermal energy generation at the proposed site. Key technical considerations include:

- **Geological Surveys:** Detailed surveys to assess geothermal potential and resource sustainability.
- **Environmental Impact:** Comprehensive impact assessments to ensure minimal disruption to the local environment.
- **Infrastructure Development:** Plans for integrating geothermal energy systems with existing infrastructure.

**Conclusion:** Designating the site for geothermal energy generation supports Kincardine’s move towards sustainable and reliable energy solutions. This amendment aligns with national and local energy policies, providing significant environmental and economic benefits. We recommend approval of this amendment to advance renewable energy development in the community.

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These supporting statements provide a comprehensive justification for each proposed amendment, demonstrating alignment with NPF4 policies and emphasizing the benefits for the Kincardine community.

## **Community support for the Local Place Plan**

Community engagement events from April – June 2024 and on line surveys have been ongoing and in tandem with the Climate Forth Initiative which is preparing a Community Heritage Resilience Plan for Kincardine. This consultation period has enabled us to gather people's views to help inform this local place plan.

Consultations included:

### **Place Standard Tool**

The Community Centre hosted a community event in the community centre including use of the Place Standard Assessment Tool

### **3 Wishes Campaign**

Ongoing 3 Wishes Campaign - postcards as well as an on line survey option, using social media, was used to capture community aspirations.

The community wishes were collated and aligned with the 14 Place Standards to help inform the Local Place Plan.

### **Community Mapping workshops**

Aligning community issues with national policy using NPF4 flashcards local residents have initiated focused conversations and helped to develop meaningful propositions for inclusion in the Local Place Plan. These propositions are aimed at the creation of a Sustainable, Productive and Liveable Kincardine.



## **The following Information Notice was sent out :**

### **Kincardine Local Place Plan Information Notice 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

From Donald Campbell Chair Kincardine Community Council: [kincardinecc.chair@gmail.com](mailto:kincardinecc.chair@gmail.com)

Local Place Plans are plans produced by and for local communities, and have a focus on development and land use. Their main role is to help inform and shape the Fife Local Development Plan.

Area covered by this LPP:

The boundary and scope of the LPP covers the Kincardine Community Council area and follows the Kincardine Community Council boundary.

A full detailed boundary map is included within the LPP document.

In accordance with the requirements set out in the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1977 as amended by the Planning Act 2019 and the Town and Country Planning (Local Place Plans) (Scotland) Regulations 2021. Regulation 4. I attach here a draft copy of the Kincardine Community Council Local Place Plan for consultation.

This Local Place Plan will be submitted by Kincardine Community Council on behalf of the residents of Kincardine. The consultation period will run from 24<sup>th</sup> May – 24th June

A copy of this letter and the draft copy of Kincardine Local Place Plan has been sent to:

- Culross Community Council
- Blairhall Community Council
- Clackmannan Community Council
- Airth Parish Community Council
- Carron and Carronshore Community Council
- Grangemouth (inc Skinflats) Community Council
- Ward Councillor Graeme Downie
- Ward Councillor Conner Young
- Ward Councillor Sam Steele
- Ward Councillor Gary Bouse
- Ward Councillor Margaret Anslow
- Ward Councillor Jim Flynn
- Ward Councillor Laura Murtagh
- Ward Councillor Dennis Coyne
- Ward Councillor Kath Martin
- Ward Councillor Scott Harrison

Please contact the Kincardine Community Council with any questions.

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### **Statement on Engagement (to meet Para71-73 LPP Circular)**

The Kincardine Local Place Plan sets out the consultation process along with levels of participation. The Steering group which had representatives from Kincardine were given a

regular report on the progress of the consultations and a vote was taken on the wording of the final LPP by the Kincardine Community Council members in May 2024

The steering group were responsible for planning the consultations before they took place. Members had full sight of all consultation documents, survey monkey polls and the final draft. They were asked to approve, or amend, the wording of contents of any public consultation document or poll. Their decision was final in all cases.

The view of the Kincardine Community Council is that the Kincardine Local Place Plan provides an accurate (and evidence backed) view of Kincardine residents and should be treated as representing 'the voice of the people'.

**Points of Reference:**

Key Propositions included in the LPP relate to:

- Climate mitigation
- Community Wealth Building
- Regeneration projects
- Improving greenspace and biodiversity
- Improved infrastructure
- Quality Homes that suit people's needs
- Road safety
- Health and Safety

These propositions are mapped, detailed and set out within the LPP document

Please send any representations you wish to make on the draft Kincardine Local Place Plan to: Donald Campbell Chair Kincardine Community Council: [kincardinecc.chair@gmail.com](mailto:kincardinecc.chair@gmail.com)

There is a form attached to help with this. The Kincardine LPP and associated documents are available online at <https://padlet.com/crthub/KincardineLPP>

Deadline for representations 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024

*Thank you!*

## Appendix:

Throughout the Local Place Plan development and consultation phases regard was made to the following plans and policies:

1. Fife Local Development Plan 2017 [Local development plan \(FIFEplan\) | Fife Council](#)

2. Local Outcome Improvement Plan for Fife 2017-2027

[A Plan for Fife | Our Fife - Creating a successful, confident and fairer Fife](#)

3. <https://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Kincardine-Community-Action-Plan-2014-2019.pdf>

4. The Fourth National Planning Framework (NPF4) was consulted throughout the same period.  
<https://www.gov.scot/publications/national-planning-framework-4/>

5. <https://know.fife.scot/>

6. Letter of support from Airth Community Council on Page 12

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 25, 2024 1:05:19 PM  
**To:** Enid Trevett <[enid.trevett@coalfields-regen.org.uk](mailto:enid.trevett@coalfields-regen.org.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: Kincardine Local Place Plan DRAFT and associated information

Enid

Please relay my thanks to the Kincardine CC for allowing us to see your response, we are currently working on our response although the time limit is a little challenging.

Cheers Jon

Convener Airth Parish Community Council.

On 24/05/2024 12:13, Enid Trevett wrote:

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