

**North Queensferry  
Community Trust  
and  
North Queensferry  
Community Council  
Local Place Plan:  
Supporting Statement**

Prepared by:

*North Queensferry Community Trust*

*and*

*North Queensferry Community Council*

*June 2024*

## Introduction

This Supporting Statement forms part of the Local Place Plan submission to Fife Council and is accompanying the North Queensferry Local Place Plan dated 31/05/2024.

## Contact details

Email address: [nq.community.trust@gmail.com](mailto:nq.community.trust@gmail.com)

## 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. North Queensferry's Local Place Plan is in accord with Fife Development Plan's policies, to which reference is made in each section of the proposal as appropriate. The policies which support our Local Place Plan are

- Policy 3 on Growing a vibrant economy; Increasing Opportunity and Reducing Poverty & Inequality; Improving quality of life in local communities and Promoting a sustainable society
- Policy 11 emphasises the importance of low carbon usage
- Policy 13 recommends provision of paths (including those in the Core Path network), cycleways and bridleways
- Policy 14 on the Built and Historic Environment

## 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. North Queensferry's Local Place Plan is in accord with National Planning Framework 4's policies, to which reference is made in each section of the proposal as appropriate. The policies which support our Local Place Plan are

- Policy 1 requires significant weight to be given to the global climate and nature crises.
- Policy 2 specifies that development proposals to retrofit measures to existing developments that reduce emissions or support adaptation to climate change will be supported
- Policy 3 Development proposals will contribute to the enhancement of biodiversity, including where relevant, restoring degraded habitats and building and strengthening nature networks and the connections between them.
- Policy 4 preserving the natural environment.
- Policy 7 Conservation of an existing historic building
- Policy 13 encourages for electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

- Policy 14 improve the quality of the area – specifically the segment of the Coastal Path running through North Queensferry.
- Policy 15 Contribution to local living
- Policy 20 Fragmentation or net loss of existing blue and green infrastructure.
- Policy 23 positive effects on health
- Policy 25 Contribution to local or community wealth building
- Policy 27 Enhancing and improving the vitality and viability of a local centre
- Policy 29 Contribution to the viability, sustainability and diversity of our rural community and local rural economy

## **Regard given to Transport Scotland**

- This proposal is consistent with Transport Scotland’s Active Travel Policy

## **Regard given to North Queensferry's Local Action Plan (NQLAP)**

- Natural spaces were the most valued aspect of North Queensferry according to NQLAP
- NQLAP found that residents enjoy green spaces and places to walk, specifically footpaths and walks by the bridges. They were concerned about speed limits being ignored. Part of the plan was to develop walking routes.
- NQLAP found concerns about climate change and wanted the village to be Climate Ready. That necessitates a transition to Net Zero by moving away from fossil fuels towards clean energy.

## **Reasons for amendments being sought to the Local Development Plan**

None are sought.

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

A consultation to develop North Queensferry's Local Action Plan (NQLAP) was run in 2021 and finalised in 2022. Everyone in North Queensferry was given the opportunity to participate in the community consultation which involved visits to each household, an online survey form, a questionnaire for each family and workshops to focus the results. Responses were received from over 200 people via paper forms plus 45 online responses including responses from 67 children out of a population of just over 1000. A copy of the North Queensferry Local Action Plan is in Appendix 1, attached. This consultation supports all the proposals.

In 2023, a ballot was held to assess support for North Queensferry Community Trust's proposal to apply under the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 for the purchase of The Albert Hotel in North Queensferry. The aim was that The Albert Community Group Ltd, as nominated third-

party purchaser, would restore The Albert Hotel as a community pub and hub. Every eligible voter in North Queensferry was sent a ballot paper. Over 78% of the ballot papers were returned, of which over 98% were in favour of the proposal. The Ballot Return is in Appendix 2 of the Local Place Plan. This ballot is a consultation in support of proposal 3.1.

## **Evidence relating to the Information Notice**

The proposed Local Place Plan and information notice were sent on 31/05/2024 to:

### List of Councillors to whom the proposed Local Place Plan was sent

- David Barratt
- Patrick Browne
- Dave Dempsey
- Sarah Neal

### List of Community Councils to whom the proposed Local Place Plan was sent

- Dalgety Bay and Hillend
- Inverkeithing
- Rosyth
- Queensferry

## **Appendix 1**

North Queensferry's Local Action Plan is attached.