

# **Crail Local Place Plan**

## **Community Support -**

### **1. Introduction**

Regulation 5 (1) (f) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Place Plans) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 requires the community body submitting a local place plan to a local planning authority to provide a statement setting out:-

- (i) the community body's view of the level and nature of support for the local place plan,
- (ii) the basis on which the community body has reached that view, including a description of any consultation by the community body in respect of the proposed local place plan.

The Crail Local Place Plan is fundamentally a product of the consultation exercise which began in 2017, culminated in the publication of the Charette document (which is the basis of the Crail LPP) and which was then adapted to comply with statutory requirements and to update it following developments since 2019. Those revisions were also the result of consultation.

### **2. The Charette process**

Pages 10 and 11 in the Crail LPP describe the coming together of the community initially in 2017 to, amongst other objectives, "seek a community mandate to shape planning policy and major development proposals for the good of the community."

Pages 14 and 15 of the Crail LPP refer to the engagement and research phases and the three public workshops which followed. These workshops examined the long-term aspirations of the community, the formulation of projects and finally the actions necessary to make those aspirations a reality. As well as the levels of attendance at those workshops (80 to 120 people at each), survey questionnaires were given to every household in Crail and engagement took place through schools, with older people through clubs and with local businesses. There was also a staffed drop-in centre (February/March 2019) logging 152 visitors. There was a dedicated Facebook page (130 followers), regular updates in Crail Matters, the online and print weekly newspaper, and general circulation of information through online and verbal channels and via Fife Council's Community Teams' networks. Reference to this exercise is made throughout the Crail LPP.

The surveys conducted in the Spring of 2018 (123 respondents) and 2019 (287 respondents)- see Crail LPP Appendix 2- categorise and prioritise the community aspirations. For example, affordable housing is identified as a priority as is the need for more/better shops and toilets and for road and footpath provision and improvements. The Charette document published in 2019 was the product of this research and consultation process.

### **3. The Local Place Plan**

Appendix 2 of the Crail LPP contains a description of the process whereby the Charette document was updated and revised to comply with the statutory requirements of the Local Plan regulations which were published in 2021. That process involved a public consultation exercise in October/November 2023 which included a drop-in session staffed by Crail Community Partnership members.

The only wholly new matter addressed in the revisions was the proposals for Crail Airfield, which were then the subject of an application for planning permission in principle. That proposal had been well-publicised within the community by the applicant's own consultation exercise, including public sessions held in March and April 2023, and by the planning application process itself which generated a very high number of representations to Fife Council from Crail residents.

Those who attended the Crail LPP drop-in session and who generally responded to the publicity exercise relating to the updated document, now the Crail Local Place Plan, were clearly well aware of the Crail Airfield proposals and the concerns about them, particularly the issue of traffic generation, the need for a new road and the need for improvements on the existing access roads.

#### **4. Conclusion**

In conclusion the Crail Community Partnership's view of the nature and level of support in the Crail community is that the objectives and aspirations of the Crail LPP are not only very well and enthusiastically supported by the community but are the product of the community's own priorities and wishes, as articulated during the consultation process.

As to the basis for that view, as noted above the Crail LPP describes, and refers repeatedly, to the nature of the involvement of the Crail community in this process. The details of the consultation exercise are also set out in appendix 2 of the Crail LPP.

Crail Community Partnership

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