

Gorebridge and District Local Place Plan Information Notice

From Gael Robertson, Secretary, Gorebridge Community Council

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 Gorebridge and District Local Place Plan for consultation. This Local Place Plan will be submitted by Gorebridge Community Council on behalf of the Gorebridge and District community. The consultation period will run from 16th February 2024 until 16th March 2024.

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

- Newtongrange Community council
- Moorfoot Community Council
- Mayfield and Easthouses Community Council
- Tynewater Community council
- Ward Councillor Ellen Scott
- Ward Councillor Kelly Drummond
- Ward Councillor Douglas Bowen

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Gorebridge and District Community Council



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

The Gorebridge Place Plan sets out the consultation process along with levels of participation.

The Steering group which had representatives from Gorebridge Community Council, Gorebridge Community Development Trust and Gorebridge Community Cares 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 Gorebridge Community Council members in March 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 Gorebridge Community Council is that the Gorebridge Local Place Plan provides an accurate (and evidence backed) view of Gorebridge residents and should be treated as representing 'the voice of the people'.

All consultation documentation, and results, can be found on the dedicated website and these will remain online for the next 3 years.

<https://padlet.com/crthub/gorebridge-working-doc-mms0tjmusot5qasc>

Points of Reference:

Throughout the Place Plan development and consultation phases the existing MLDP has been a main point of reference in relation to future land use in Gorebridge and District.

The plans considered were as follows

1. Midlothian Local Development Plan 2017

https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/downloads/file/4893/midlothian_local_development_plan

2. Single Midlothian Plan 2023 – 2027

https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/downloads/download/89/single_midlothian_plan_documents

3. Gorebridge and District Community Action Plan

<https://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Gorebridge-Community-Action-Plan-2015-2020.pdf>

4. The Fourth National Planning Framework (NPF4) were consulted throughout the same period.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/national-planning-framework-4/>

Taken in tandem with the results of the 3 Wishes Campaign, the Place Standard Survey, the Community Gathering voting event and Community Mapping workshops, the propositions in the final ballot were designed to align with existing MLDP policies and policies within NPF4.

All the propositions in our Local Place Plan are supported by existing policies, or frameworks. This can be evidenced in the Local Place Plan where apposite policies are assigned against a specific proposition or group of propositions.

The Gorebridge Local Place Plan includes 49 propositions that received majority support from the community.

To comply with Para 29 of the January 2022 Place Plan Circular, we first set out, here, a proposition that deviates from the Midlothian Local Development Plan (MLDP) 2017

This proposition is an amendment to the current LDP:

NATURAL SPACES & FORESTRY & TREES – Sustainable Places

The following Propositions under this theme relate to the following National Planning Framework Policies: NPF4/4 NPF4/6

2. The Gorebridge and District Community Council support that the following local green spaces should be conserved and protected for the benefit of community; the Gore Glen complex, Birken-side Park, Auld Gala Park, Arniston Park, Vogrie Cres South Park and Stobhill Road Park.

2.1 We recommend these sites as additions to the existing sites stated in ENV8

Ref: MLDP 2017 Section 8.2.55

Ref: SMP 2023-2027 Midlothian will be greener

This proposition is an amendment to the current LDP:

The allocation of land and the building of a new high school that is local to the community of Gorebridge and District.

The following propositions under this theme relate to the following National Planning Framework Policies: NPF4/Policy 15, NPF4/Policy 18, NPF4/Policy 21, NPF4/Policy 23

Community engagement results consistently identify a new High School as the highest priority. This can be evidenced in the Community Engagement Report November 2022

<https://en-gb.padlet.com/crthub/gorebridge-working-doc-mms0tjmusot5qasc/wish/2712539718>

We also submit, here, propositions linked to the proposed new high school in developing the next MLDP

1. Investigate, secure and purchase and ring fence a site with a plan to build a new High School within walking and wheeling distance for the young people of Gorebridge.
2. A new GP surgery/health clinic to be incorporated alongside the new High School to ensure community cohesion and inclusive acceptance of all economic and cultural diversity.
3. A sports complex including swimming pool and all weather pitches, gym facilities that must be available to the community to be included as part of the new High School facilities.

Ref: MLDP 2017 Section 8.2.51 Schools

Ref: MLDP 2017 Section 8.2.52 Health Centre

Ref: SMP 2023-2027 5. Midlothian will get it right for every child

Ref: SMP 2023-2027 8. Midlothian will have a wellbeing economy and be better connected