



**ROSEWELL & DISTRICT
COMMUNITY COUNCIL
LOCAL PLACE PLAN**

**Prepared for Midlothian Local Development
Plan 2**

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Foreword

The Scottish Government has introduced Local Place Plans (LPPs) as a way for communities to help achieve change in their local area. This can be accomplished through consultation and use of the “Place Standard Tool” which will help communities to think about how to make their 'place' better, agree priorities, and work with others to make change happen. Preparation of this Local Place Plan has been facilitated by Rosewell and District Community Council on behalf of the local community and will outline the priorities of the village and surrounding areas as defined through the consultation process and will focus on outlining proposals for these priorities going forward.

Rosewell & District Community Council would like to thank various stakeholders for their contributions to this Local Place Plan, including but not limited to Midlothian Council, Midlothian Federation of Community Councils, Rosewell Development Trust, businesses in and around Rosewell, Midlothian Wildflowers, Keep Rosewell Beautiful and the members of the community who contributed to the consultation process.

Rosewell & District Community Council would also like to thank Forth Rivers Trust for their contribution of resources towards the LPP.

1. Summary

Rosewell and District Community Council (RDCC) were invited by the Scottish Government and Midlothian Council to undertake a Local Place Plan for the community outlining the priorities to be considered within the next phase of the Midlothian Local Development Plan (MLDP2).

RDCC undertook various methods of stakeholder engagement within the community to gather evidence for an overarching vision and list of priorities to be included within the LPP. The vision for Rosewell has been developed through the collective analysis of local community needs which includes:

- Becoming more self-sufficient and sustainable on a local scale;
- Enhancing and developing the vibrancy and prosperity of Rosewell;
- Tackling environmental, social and economic issues.

Five priorities were identified each with a number of actions which are outlined in Section 5. The five priorities are:

- Life in the Community
- Environment
- Population and Homes
- Getting About
- Jobs and Businesses

This LPP contains our local community's vision for the RDCC area (Figure 1). The plan is rooted in our local community's own aspirations, data was gathered through community consultation and engagement activities during 2023. The plan sets out priority actions to turn the community's aspired vision into reality.

The purposes of this LPP are:

- To provide an up-to-date statement of current issues we face and our aspirations for the future, to help public bodies, landowners, businesses and funders consider how they can best support positive change in the area;
- To express the community's vision, priorities, aims and actions to deliver that vision collaboratively;
- To inform the ongoing review of the Local Development Plan 2 being led by Midlothian Council;
- To inform public service delivery and investment by the Crown Estate, Midlothian Council and other Community Planning Partners;
- To guide investment and action by local landowners, businesses and community organisations.

The plan is envisaged as covering a 10-year period until approximately 2035. Delivery of the plan is intended to be collaborative, with public bodies, private sector, third sector organisations and the local community working together for common purpose. It is vitally important that all stakeholders are actively involved in the LPP objectives if it is to become a meaningful reality. Section 6 contains more information about this.

2. Introducing Rosewell and District

Geographical Context

Rosewell and District sits in the heart of Midlothian. Rosewell originated as a mining village with brick-built cottages laid out in a street pattern of miners' rows dominating the character of the village. The original village was complete by the early 1900s.

Rosewell bypass – the A6094 - was constructed providing scope for new housing including employment land identified on the stabilised land between the village and the bypass road. The A6094 provides quick links along the Bonnyrigg Distributor Road to the surrounding villages of Bonnyrigg, Dalkeith, Newtongrange and Gorebridge to the Northeast. To the South, the A6094 provides an easy route to the Borders as it joins to the A701 via Howgate. Rosewell village is situated at the egress from Roslin Glen. Roslin Glen is the main thoroughfare to Roslin, Bush Estate, Bilston, Auchendinny, Penicuik and Straiton for many commuters and both villagers and commuters from the Midlothian region travel through this Glen daily.

The Whitehill Estate, positioned south of Roslin and Bonnyrigg, encompasses the Rosewell, Rosslynlee, and Upper Dalhousie communities. Acquired by Crown Estate Scotland in 1969, the estate holds significance for its rich agricultural and mining heritage.

Rosewell has good footpaths and access to the national cycle route via the NCR196 Penicuik to Musselburgh walkway. The old railway line from Penicuik through Rosewell to Bonnyrigg and Eskbank, provides good access to Bonnyrigg and Penicuik town centres, as well as access to a thriving community woodland. The Penicuik to Dalkeith walkway and cycle route also provides access to many local amenities such as the Midlothian Community Hospital and the superstore at Hardengreen. Providing a very important active travel route as well as biodiversity corridor that supports people and planet. The active travel route Penicuik to Dalkeith walkway provides necessary access to the local train station Borders Line at Eskbank with frequent services to Edinburgh and Tweedbank via Newton Grange and Gorebridge. From here you can also access local tourist destinations such as The Coal Mining Museum and Arniston Estate as well as commuting opportunities for surrounding areas.

Population and Community

Population estimates as of 2021 indicate that the population of Rosewell (village) is 2,170 individuals (City Population, 2024: Appendix A4). This is an increase in population of 39% from the 2011 Census.

Rosewell Steading was redeveloped into a Community Hub, named The Steading, delivered by the Rosewell Development Trust. The Steading provides Rosewell with a central focus for the village, a place where the community can come together and is driven by the needs of the community.

Rosewell has seen many changes over the years and has always maintained its strong sense of community spirit that supports a thriving, caring and vibrant Rosewell.

Context

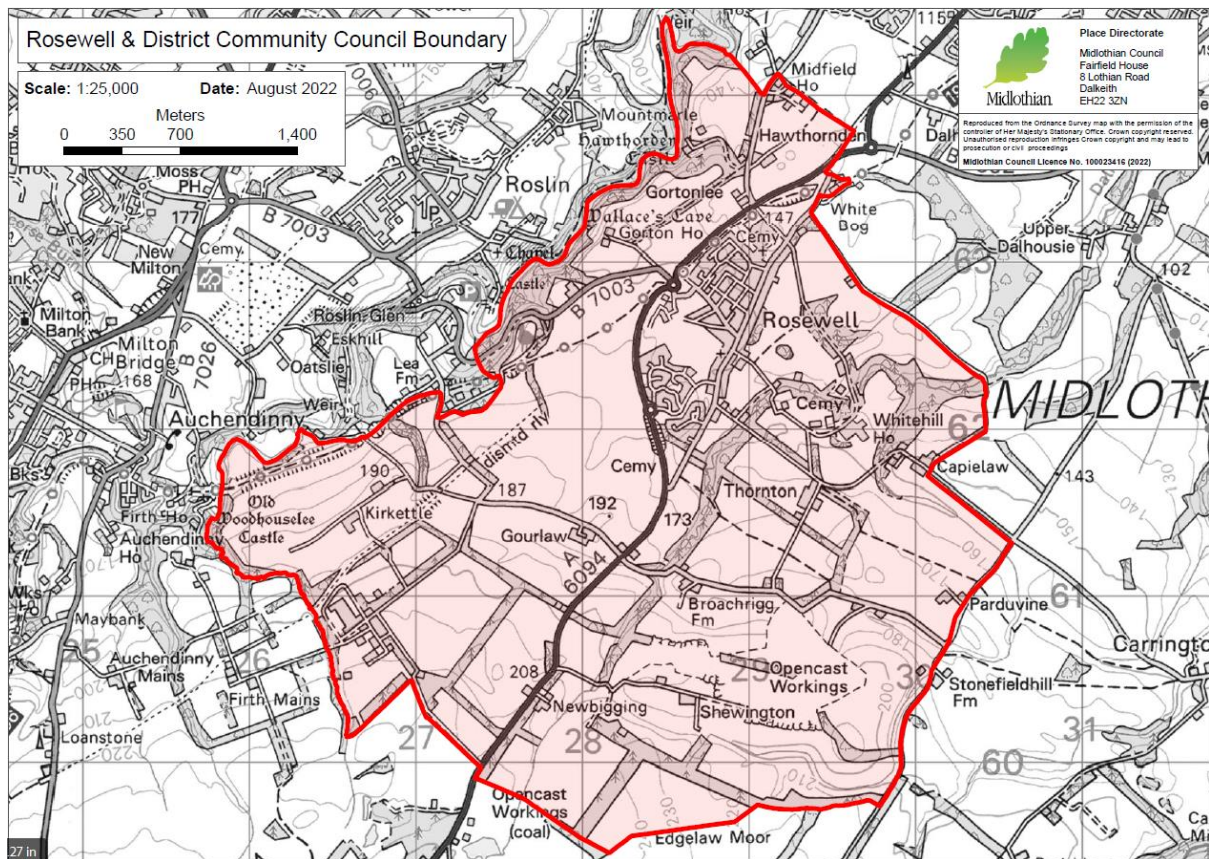


Figure. 1 Boundary denotes the area of Rosewell & District Community Council

Schools and Early Years

Rosewell has two primary schools, one denominational and one non-denominational. To meet the needs of recent housebuilding, additional space at Rosewell PS was required and the decision was made to extend Rosewell Primary in the previous Midlothian Local Development Plan (MLDP). Recently, however, through exploratory works it has become apparent that the structure is not suitable for extension, and so new priorities must be made for the primary schools in light of the village expansion. Rosewell Primary is to reach capacity by August 2024 and temporary classrooms have been brought in to facilitate the growth as an interim measure.

Secondary education is provided at Lasswade High School, also certain to reach capacity due to the growth within the wider Midlothian area and an additional site for secondary education was highlighted within the previous MLDP.

Nursery and early learning provision is met through Rosewell Primary School, as well as the additional Loanhead After School Club (LASC) Community Nursery and after school care within Rosewell Park.

Health and Care Services

Rosewell GP, dental practice and pharmacy services including important minor ailment services are provided by surrounding settlements. No primary healthcare services are available within Rosewell and District.

St Joseph's, based in Rosewell, provide care for adults with learning disabilities and have been established for 100 years.

Community Groups

There are between 20 and 25 active groups in Rosewell. Please refer to the 'What's on in Rosewell' calendar in Appendix A5 for several of these. There is a wide variety of opportunities to engage in Rosewell from: walking groups, lunch clubs, outdoor environmental opportunities and special interest groups such as local history and local neighbourhood group. As in many rural settlements a number of non-statutory agencies fill the gaps left by local authority budget cuts. For example, Midlothian Wildflowers, a grassroots constituted community group based in Rosewell, works to create, care for and protect greenspaces throughout Midlothian while supporting the health and wellbeing of the communities they work with.

Rosewell and District Community Council

Rosewell and District Community Council (RDCC) is made up of elected community councillors who are all unpaid volunteers offering their time and commitment to the community. The aim of RDCC is:

- To ascertain, co-ordinate and reflect the view of our community which we represent, to liaise with other community groups within the area, and to fairly express the diversity of opinions and outlooks of the people;
- To express the views of the community to the local authority for our area to public authorities and other organisations;
- To take such action in the interests of our community as appears to be desirable and practicable;
- To promote the wellbeing of our community and to foster community spirit;
- To be a means whereby the people of the area shall be able to voice their opinions on any matter affecting their lives, their welfare, their environment, its development and amenity.

3. Community issues and aspirations

Community Engagement

A public consultation was undertaken to gather vital primary data from local community members and was inputted into the LPP. Various avenues were assessed to try and determine the best inclusive methods of engagement that would represent the views of the local community (National Standards for Community Engagement). The seven principles of the National Standards for Community Engagement were applied to various aspects of the RDCC consultation process.

Online Consultation

RDCC hosts a very active community Facebook page (Rosewell Neighbourhood Group) that currently has 3.5k members. It was therefore decided that an online survey would be the first step in the public consultation process. The content of the survey was based on guidance provided by the Scottish Government, 'Our Place' website and the Local Place Plan 'How to Guide' with a mixture of rating questions from the 'Place Standard' as well as important open-ended questions to maximise comments and feedback. This survey was distributed via both a link and as a QR Code which was distributed on posters on throughout the village e.g. on park gates, in local shops, the community hub, bus shelters and on the RDCC community noticeboard.

In-Person Consultation

A paper copy of the survey was also distributed and held by The Steading in Rosewell – the local community hub – where people would be able to fill out and return here to be stored confidentially for later collection. Paper copies were also distributed at 'drop-in' sessions which were organised post-community council meetings and at other points during the consultation process. In-person consultation sessions were advertised in a number of places online and within the Village.

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| <p>First community in-person consultation session 21st August 2023</p> | <p>Second community in-person consultation session 21st September 2023</p> |
| <p>The Community Council invited the local community to Rosewell Parish Church Village Hall (disabled access available) to provide their views on Rosewell, including what’s good or bad about Rosewell and what opportunities there are to improve Rosewell in the future.</p> <p>We developed a local advertising strategy with the intention of trying to reach out engage as many citizens as possible in the Rosewell LPP consultation. Posters were situated in local shops and advertised on the local community noticeboard. The consultation was advertised through social media networks and circulated via email.</p> | <p>A second consultation for the community was held in September as a ‘drop-in’ session at Rosewell Parish Church (disabled access available). The second consultation aimed to allow the community to express their views on the aims and actions for the LPP and provided the opportunity to ask any questions that may have arisen from completing the survey.</p> <p>Posters were situated in local shops and advertised on the local community noticeboard. The consultation was advertised through social media networks and circulated via email.</p> |

Business Consultation

The LPP survey link was sent directly to 20 local businesses in Rosewell along with a letter explaining how businesses could contribute towards the process. Each business was invited to seek in-person advice and information sessions with the community council should they have specific matters to discuss regarding the overlap of their interests and the community-led Local Place Plan for Rosewell. Two businesses sought in-person consultations and their ideas have been considered as part of the LPP development.

Community Survey

In total, 261 people shared their aspirations for Rosewell and District. The breakdown of responses by age demographic and location within the community council area can be explored in the Figures 2 to 5.

The survey that was distributed to Rosewell residents was split into three parts:

1. Requests for demographic information;
2. Place Standard tool questionnaire to assess or “rate” current feelings on Rosewell;
3. Open-ended questions to ask for direct thoughts and opinions relating to Rosewell and its services etc.

The variation in questions was taken from various guidance documents to allow RDCC best analysis of the information for use in themes and priorities going forwards. Appendix A1. shows an example of the survey that was distributed to Rosewell residents as part of the consultation process, as well as full details of survey responses.

Results

In total, 261 people shared their aspirations for Rosewell and District. The breakdown of responses by age and location within the community council area can be explored in the Figures 2 to 5. In summary, 95% of respondents live in Rosewell or the surrounding area and the other respondents either worked here, run a local business or were visiting. A diverse range of ages, spanning from 16 to 60+, was well-represented among the respondents. There is also a relatively balanced distribution among responders affiliated with Rosewell for more than 10 years (43%) and affiliated with Rosewell for up to 10 years (58%, remaining 5% unknown).

Rating Questions Analysis

Figure 5 depicts the average score of all respondents for the “Place Standard tool” questionnaire. Looking at how people rated each theme, a clear pattern emerges. The score for public transport is well below satisfactory. Only the Natural Spaces theme achieves a notably high score followed by Play and Recreation. The ratings using the Place Standard tool align with previously understood sentiment from the community, namely that there is dissatisfaction with local amenities, public transport services to and from the village and poor potential for a thriving economy within the village and surrounding rural area.

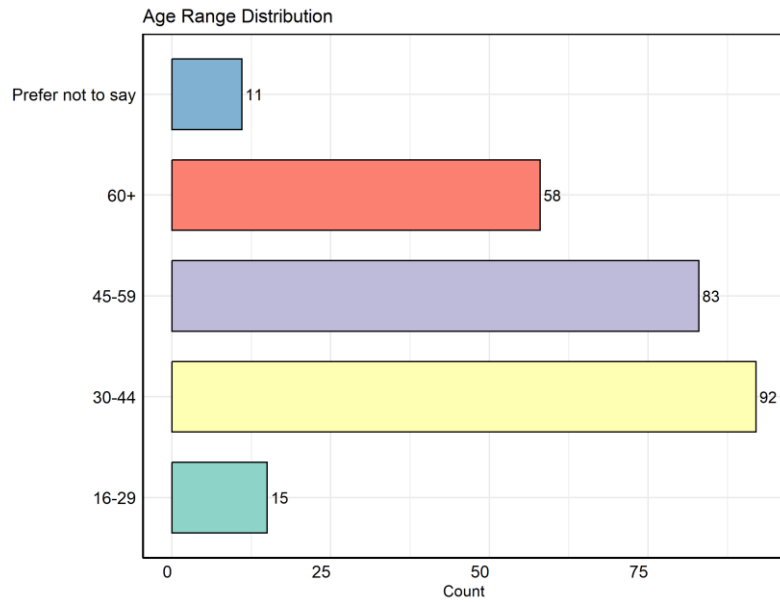


Figure 2. Age distribution of those whom responded

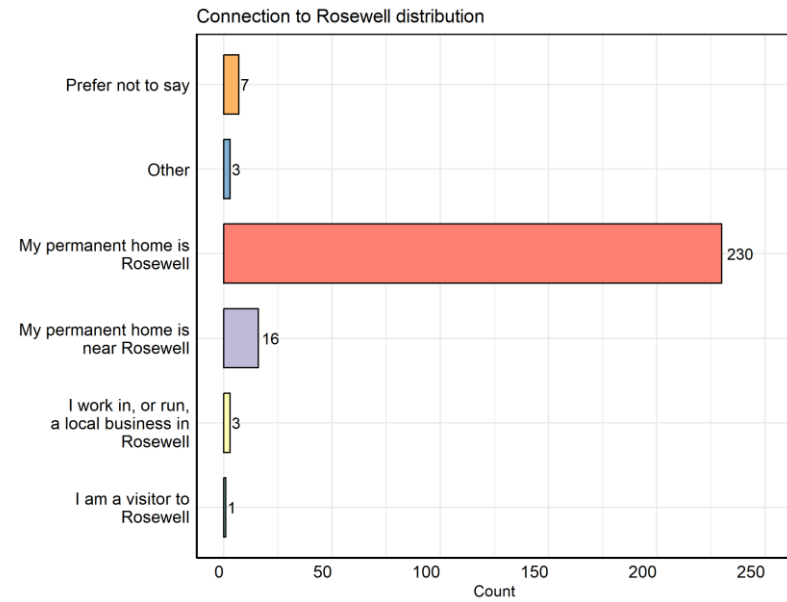


Figure 3. Location data of those who responded

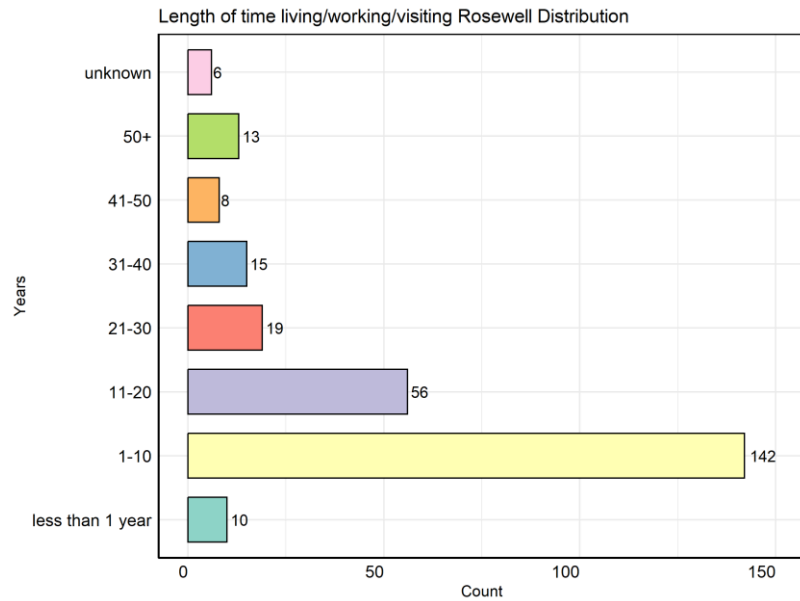


Figure 4. Length of time interacting with Rosewell question results.

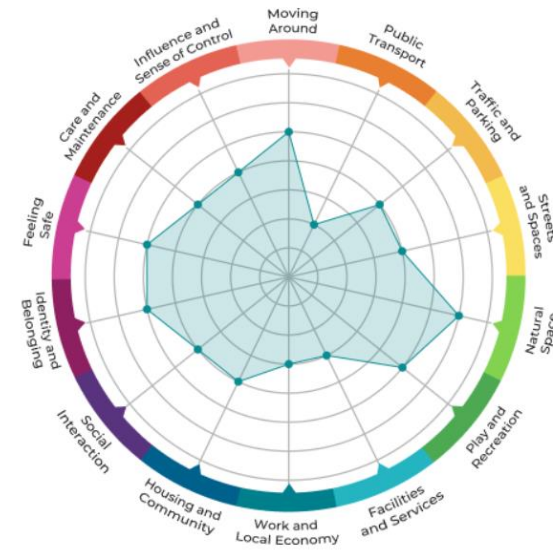


Figure 5. The 'Place Standard tool' results for Rosewell.

Below are the key themes, summarising answers from the open-ended questions asking for direct thoughts and opinions relating to Rosewell and its services. The larger words occurred the most frequently in the responses.

What are Rosewell strengths? What you do you like most about Rosewell?



What are Rosewell weaknesses? What you do you like least about Rosewell?



What opportunities do you see for Rosewell in the future?



Open-Ended Questions Analysis

A significant portion of the open-ended comments received were critical or expressed negative sentiments. When focussing on the positives within the District and when prompted about ‘what you like about Rosewell/ strengths of the Village’ within the community, the majority of responses highlighted access to Nature and Scenery as well as the Green Space as a key aspect of the village and surrounding District (Figures 5 and 6). This was often followed up by comments regarding the extent of the new development housing allocation within the village and statements desiring that no further greenspace within or around the village be utilised in this regard going forward. Second to nature, the most regarded aspect of Rosewell is its sense of community and the ‘village feel’ as well as its ‘village identity’. Again, in the analysis, it was noted that these comments were often made in conjunction with statements of discontent regarding the loss of village identity in the wake of large-scale housing developments within the Village.

The community also acknowledged certain entities within the community as valuable assets when asked about the Strengths of the community as outlined below. However, in comparison to other settlements of a similar size within Midlothian (for example Roslin) there is minimal community resource for respondents to point towards as assets within the Rosewell and District area. Institutions such as The Steading were highlighted as the “heart of the community” for providing clubs and activities for all age ranges. In addition to this, Rosewell Park (the park), the Tennis Courts, the Bowling Club, coffee shop at the golf course, the churches, the two local shops and hairdressers/barbers, were identified as valuable resources. However, in comparison to Roslin (again, highlighted as a settlement of a similar size), essential local amenities are limited. For example, Roslin has a local GP surgery and pharmacy, a dental surgery, a library, a post office,

a local public house and restaurant, several cafes, and a local shop as well as three bus services for the Village.

When asked to discuss 'challenges, dislikes and future challenges' the community voiced concerns such as inadequate transportation and deficient public transportation routes, lack of amenities including shopping and access to healthcare within the village as stated above. The increase of significant new development housing within the Rosewell, lack of employment opportunities and lack of care for greenspaces were also forefront within the public consultation. These concerns were carried through by RDCC for further analysis and consideration within this Local Place Plan.

4. Rosewell and District Overall Vision by 2035

Maintaining and restoring a village feel is very important. Recent large-scale development within Rosewell has been advantageous to the community (e.g. The Steading Community Hub and Rosewell Tennis Courts) and has presented a number of challenges within the community (e.g. new housing developments). Moving forward these recent developments should be incorporated to grow our sense of community and village feel within Rosewell and District. This Local Place Plan aims to create an overarching document that focusses on tackling the issues most highlighted by the community and providing a strategic overview for how these can be implemented and by whom/on what timeline.

This vision for Rosewell will provide all stakeholders in this plan with a direction as we move towards 2035 with the hope of creating meaningful change in the village in line with the aspirations of the community. The vision that has been developed through analysis of community needs includes:

- Becoming more self-sufficient and sustainable on a local scale;
- Enhancing and developing the vibrancy and prosperity of Rosewell;
- Tackling environmental, social and economic issues.

This section of the plan contains five priority areas that will help turn this vision for Rosewell and District into a reality. Each priority will come with aims and actions. The five priority areas directly reflect the concerns and aspirations expressed in the community survey:

1. Life in the community
2. The environment
3. Population and homes
4. Getting about
5. Jobs and businesses

These priorities are not distinct and there will be overlaps within each of these as they are closely inter-related. All priorities have been added to an interactive map that can be explored [here](#) and an example of what it looks like is provided in Figure 6



The actions proposed under each priority should be seen as flexible. If opportunities present themselves for additional actions, they should be supported by Midlothian Council if they contribute to the vision of Rosewell and District Community Council. All aims and actions that pertain to the five Priorities and the overall vision, should be considered for inclusion within the Midlothian Local Development Plan 2 (MLDP2).

Figure 6: Screenshot of the interactive Google map locating Rosewell priorities.

Priority 1. Life in the community



Figure 7: Location of sites for Life in the Community Actions.

Having a strong sense of place and community is one of Rosewell's greatest strengths and we have a proud history with mining heritage. Rosewell is a friendly, caring community. There are many active community groups in addition to the Community Council and Rosewell Development Trust, that help to welcome visitors and newcomers to the village.

However, our community facilities have been run down over the years, pubs have shut and our playpark is dated. There is more reliance on cars for undertaking tasks such as weekly shops at larger supermarkets and commuting to local work places. Local presence of police is limited as are traffic wardens. For teenagers, the lack of things to do and places to go is particularly apparent. Rosewell village needs better facilities and activities for people of all ages if we are to thrive and prosper as a community.

Aim

Rosewell's vision is to become a self-sufficient village that draws people in from surrounding areas to help boost local prosperity and economic growth for Rosewell businesses, the community hub and other organisations providing creative, educational, leisure and volunteering opportunities. Site locations for the actions outlined below are shown in Figure 7.

| Actions | How can this be achieved? |
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| Retain vital community services | Ensure support for our two corner shops, community hub, social (bowling) club, hairdressers, barbers, dog groomers, fish and chip shop, cafes as well as local trades and faith centres. |
| Incorporate and improve private facilities to be available to the community | Provide support to Whitehill Welfare Football Club for finding funding/working with the Council. Supportive of proposed 3G pitch that could be made available to different sports groups and would provide training facilities in the village that are currently sourced elsewhere for all club teams. This proposal could help engage teenagers within the village to become more active as well as tackle boredom and vandalism. |
| Work towards a 20-minute neighbourhood within the rural context of Rosewell Village | Bring facilities to the village. Encourage and support social enterprises and local businesses within the village. Facilitate the creation of community growing spaces for food to be incorporated back into the community, either through the community fridge or by providing circular economy via Rosewell Resilience Group. |
| Invest in public spaces | Upgrade the playpark within Rosewell Park to incorporate more age-ranges for play. Provision of goal posts within Rosewell Park to encourage groups from the nearby nursery and Rosewell Primary to get active. |
| Allocation of unused green space within Rosewell village for outdoor activities | Area of land for Rosewell Academy for football training as there is no other suitable land available in the village. Discussions with MC for the land to be maintained by the Rosewell Academy until further notice and they are to have a container on site for equipment. |
| Invest in village medical facilities | RDCC would like to see Midlothian Council support applications for a pharmacy in the village. Rosewell medical facilities are currently inadequate. |

Priority 2. The Environment

As a community, Rosewell and District love the natural environment and green space. Nature and Scenery was the most mentioned aspect of the village when asked “what do you most like about living and working in Rosewell”. The trails, bridal paths and green spaces are among the things that are valued most highly about living here. Over the years there have been many groups that have contributed to caring for the environment within and around the village. Success stories include but are not limited to the Rosewell Community Gardening Group who operate from The Steading and contribute to the care and maintenance of the flower beds within the village, Midlothian Wildflower Group – an affiliated group of RDCC - who operate throughout the council region to regenerate neglected meadows, develop skills and support positive health and wellbeing, Keep Rosewell Beautiful a volunteer run group also affiliated with the Community Council that aims to look after and nourish the local surroundings through collaborative action. There are also local active Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides out in nature and organising litter picks and other environmental activities in conjunction with community members and community groups.

Unfortunately, within the village nature is often blighted by neglect. Community members have highlighted during consultations that litter, dog fouling and non-maintained paths were a nuisance within the village that negatively impacts how they feel about the local area. Rosewell’s vision is to foster community action and empowerment to protect green spaces, restore and protect nature and increase biodiversity within the village and surrounding area. We urgently require public authorities to act in line with our community values and to work towards meeting their own climate and biodiversity objectives set out in their action plans.

Aim

RDCC’s aim is to protect areas of nature, support local community groups and grassroots organisations and work alongside public bodies to enhance, protect and educate.

| Action | How could this be achieved? |
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| Encourage the community to adopt and enhance green spaces that could provide potential for biodiversity | <p>Several spaces within Rosewell village would be adopted by community groups such as Keep Rosewell Beautiful and Midlothian Wildflowers for environmental benefit as well as potential for community growing spaces.</p> <p>Identify areas of maintained green space that could have increased biodiversity or could be of community use (Figure 8). For example, land within Rosewell Park that should be adopted by Midlothian Wildflowers to enhance wildflower meadows and also areas identified for additional tree planting within the Village.</p> <p>In addition to this there is an identified piece of land at Gorton Place for a community orchard/nursery. This will be maintained by MWF and Keep Rosewell Beautiful alongside RDCC to act as a space for</p> |

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| | the community. This space will also provide a physical location for Midlothian Wildflowers to retain resources for community benefit utilised throughout Midlothian. See Priority 5 for further information. |
| Improve path network for all users | Install more paths (both tarmac and non-tarmac) and picnic benches in the park/around village making our green spaces a place we want to use. |
| Midlothian Council to install more bins to deal with litter and dog fouling | A bin audit has been undertaken by RDCC and Figure 9 identifies the areas in which new bins should be established. |
| Protect greenspaces | <p>Support and facilitate activities to protect areas around the village (e.g. woods, horse trails, cycle and footpath network). Provide support for conserving and planting native woodlands and wildflower meadows.</p> <p>Midlothian Council or Crown Estate to control invasive non-native species (particularly Japanese knotweed and rhododendron within the Rosewell and District Community Council Area.</p> <p>Extend official greenbelt classification to Rosewell side of the North Esk River through Roslin Glen.</p> |

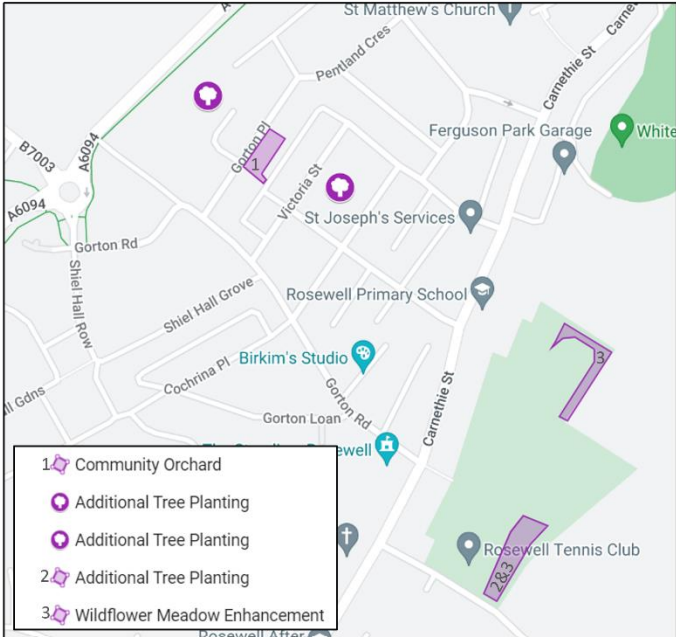


Figure 8: Community adoption of green spaces.

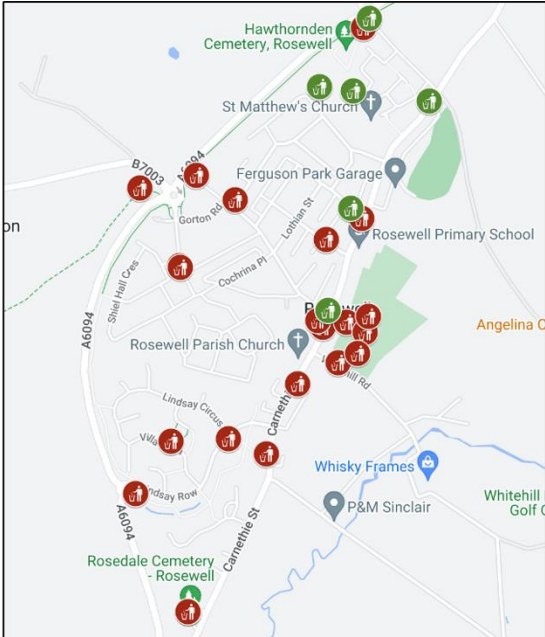


Figure 9: Current council bins across the village (red) and new bins proposed (green).

Priority 3. Population and homes

The population of Rosewell has increased, Rosewell welcomes everyone and the new opportunities population increase can present. However, the facilities and amenities within the village have not kept up with the new demand. Many in the community feel we cannot support the current population, both primary schools are at capacity and there are long waiting lists for childcare services.

Aim

RDCC's vision is to protect Rosewell from further expansion to allow community time to adjust to recently completed or ongoing new development allocations. Further to this, it is RDCC's aim to have all the amenities we need for all in the community within walking distance, schools that are able to provide for all the children within the community and have safe routes to schools safe active travel routes to schools minimising pollution and supporting road safety.

| Action | How can this be achieved? |
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| Improve traffic management within Rosewell Village | Midlothian Council to paint yellow traffic management lines around shop corner and remove redundant yellow bus stop markings outside 122 Carnethie Street, EH24 9AL, to allow those parking at the shop to access that section of road where it is currently avoided, pushing people closer to the junction. |
| Increased traffic warden and police presence | Traffic warden to manage pavement parking, dangerous parking at the junction of Gorton Road and Carnethie Street, and to facilitate slowing down cars going in faster than 20mph in the village. |
| No New Development in Rosewell District Community Council Region | RDCC will oppose any new housing development allocations proposed by Midlothian Council. This does not extend to self-build housing which RDCC will support in principle on a case-by-case basis. Along with other CCs within Midlothian, Rosewell community is strictly against further housing allocations. In particular with regards to Rosewell, the primary schools will reach capacity by August 2024 with no plan for remediation due to failed MLDP policy action. In addition, local amenities and services are not adequate for village capacity and nursery, pre- and post-school club spaces have waiting lists. Until this is solved, new housing allocations should not even be considered. |
| Improve housing standards for Midlothian and sensitivity to natural environments and surroundings | RDCC would like to see Midlothian Council improve on enforcing better standard of housing within Midlothian region. As per English legislation all new build housing |

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| | <p>must have EV charging ports as standard – this should also be enforced in Midlothian.</p> <p>RDCC would like to see Midlothian Council enforcing large-scale renewable energy as part of new developments which could be used to tackle energy poverty in the village.</p> <p>RDCC would like to see Midlothian Council enforce measures the new build development to protect the culture and history of the village: current policies are inadequate.</p> |
| <p>Protect Rosewell village from boundary expansion</p> | <p>Rosewell Bypass has been agreed within MLDP (2017) as a strong boundary to form the limit of the village expansion. Housing should not be allocated to the North side of Rosewell bypass to ensure that the “village feel” is protected. Village feel and the sense of community is an extremely important part of Rosewell’s identity which has been threatened by the housing influx and the redesign of the village.</p> |

Priority 4. Getting About

Public transport was singled out as the greatest challenge Rosewell faces. The withdrawal of the number '49' Lothian Bus service from Rosewell to Fort Kinnaird which was a direct link to Edinburgh caused outrage and deep disappointment in our community with real consequences. Since the termination of the 49 route, public transport issues such as cancelled buses, delays and timing for school buses has been mentioned regularly at community council meetings and councillors have been backing the discontent. Survey participants almost unanimously agreed the new '46' service was inadequate for their needs.

Case Study: A job opportunity in our community hub, The Steading, was turned down by the preferred candidate because of Rosewell's poor public transport links which would have made commuting times unreasonable.

Aim

RDCC's vision redesigns the transport infrastructure for Rosewell to connect us to the rest of Midlothian and directly back to Edinburgh. The village vision also includes safe walking routes around the village to increase accessibility to all.

| Action | How can this be achieved? |
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| Improve transport links | <p>Rosewell transport links to surrounding settlements and into Edinburgh are inadequate. Bus service routes to Rosewell need revisited. The '31' Lothian Buses route could be extended from Polton to incorporate Rosewell which would provide a direct link back to Edinburgh, saving time and money for the community.</p> <p>Further links to surrounding settlements such as Roslin, Penicuik, Straiton and even Peebles should be explored. Rosewell is not considered rural in the context of connecting routes to Edinburgh and should be served by better bus services in light of growing community.</p> |
| Improve safe footpaths through Rosewell Village | <p>Rosewell and District Community Council support safe routes to school. The construction of a zebra crossing on Gorton Road should be followed up through best practice with an additional Zebra Crossing outside of Rosewell Primary on Carnethie Street to and install a flashing speed detection sign. These measures would allow safe crossing for children and to slow speeding cars in the village. Carnethie Street also has less visibility, is a busier stretch of road and is lined with</p> |

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| | <p>parked cars, so this would assist the School Crossing Patrol between the two primary schools.</p> |
| <p>Improve access for all on Cycle paths</p> | <p>The pathway upgrades from Rosewell to Auchendinny (The National Cycle Network 196 core path between Rosewell and Auchendinny) will be upgraded using Flexipave.</p> <p>Surfacing this section of the path with Flexipave, which is softer than asphalt, will make the route accessible for a broad range of users including those with mobility issues and horse riders, particularly in poor weather. We hope to work with Midlothian Council and Ranger Service as well as the community.</p> |
| <p>Improve access for all within the Village</p> | <p>Rosewell Park has undergone a number of improvements in the past few years e.g. with the Tennis Court upgrades undertaken by Rosewell Tennis Association and a flurry of volunteer activity through Midlothian Wildflowers adopting sections of Rosewell Park for biodiversity improvements to the meadow. RDCC would like to see better access to important sections of the park through new path creation which will allow people to avoid stairs – currently there is no footpath access to the tennis courts or meadow that does not require people to navigate steps which is extremely limiting.</p> |

Priority 5. Jobs and Businesses

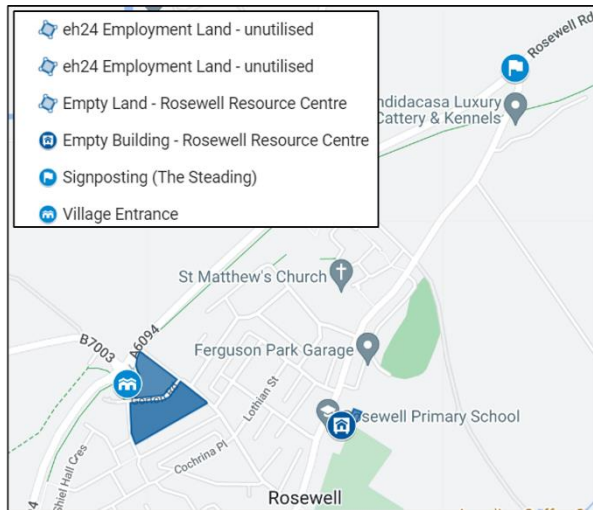


Figure 10: Location of sites for Jobs and Businesses Actions.

Our vision wants jobs and business to increase in Rosewell to provide new opportunities for people here. We have plenty of opportunities in terms of outdoor assets and active community groups like the Bowls club bring people in. We want to support the local businesses and attract new businesses to Rosewell, particularly to fill the amenity gap e.g. pharmacy. We'd like to increase visitor numbers to Rosewell. There is currently a heavy reliance on volunteers to sustain all the community groups within the village including children's groups and activities at the hub which is affecting local jobs and economy.

Aim

RDCC's aim is to bolster businesses and organisations within Rosewell and District with the intentions of creating more economic potential within the settlement and surrounding areas.

| Action | How can this be achieved? |
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| Increased visitor numbers to Rosewell | <p>Prioritising improved bus and transport links between Rosewell and the rest of Midlothian as well as directly to Edinburgh.</p> <p>Aesthetic improvements to entrances of Rosewell which have been altered due to new housing developments.</p> |
| Support resources within Rosewell to help improve visibility which feeds funding back into the community | Signposting erected at entrances to village for The Steading community hub (flag symbol in Figure 10). |
| Support and celebrate businesses and community groups within Rosewell | Currently there is a monthly business post on the Neighbourhood Group Facebook page as well as Rosewell Calendar created each year to support local groups and businesses. In addition to this, resource should be allocated from Midlothian Council to support website upgrades for Rosewell and District Community Council to offer businesses in Rosewell advertising space and incorporate revenue potential from businesses further afield through donation. |

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| <p>Allocation of unused land within Rosewell Village</p> | <p>Midlothian Wildflowers is a thriving community groups with links to other settlements and stakeholders throughout Midlothian. As this group continues to establish itself within the network, physical assets will need acquired to facilitate the works and growth of this voluntary organisation. An area of land within the village has been identified as a potential nursery/orchard as well as polytunnel storage that the community can have access to alongside MWF.</p> <p>An example of another landholding would be the Site Ref e24 (Figure 10) which is currently zoned for Employment land. Reallocation of this piece of land has potential for other uses by the community such as an allotment society that would generate income and could have a community garden kitchen that would address community poverty. Other potential uses of this land would be for energy development through solar, a farmers’ market or pop-up community stalls, use by social enterprises. According to Midlothian Employment Land Audit 2022 there have been no planning applications for e24 and the land is not being marketed by the agency selling the landholding meaning uncertainty for the community.</p> |
| <p>Allocation of vacant building within Rosewell Village</p> | <p>Rosewell Resource Centre is a disused and vacant building alongside Rosewell Primary School. This building will be handed to Rosewell and District Community Council to be put in to community use for e.g. storage of Rosewell Resilience equipment (gritters etc.), for a meeting place for grassroots community groups, or for any other use deemed useful/essential by RDCC.</p> |
| <p>Social Enterprise encouragement</p> | <p>RDCC would like to support community groups and businesses to transition to social enterprises if deemed suitable through links to Midlothian Council resources.</p> |

5. Planning policy context

This section provides a summary of key national, local and community planning policies, affecting the Local Place Plan. Here, we provide the policy context; for detailed implementation of Rosewell's proposed priorities, please see Section 4: Overall Vision and Aims. In preparing this Local Place Plan, we've carefully considered the National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) and the Midlothian Local Development Plan (MLDP) 2017, as required by the Planning Act. The vision for Rosewell centres on improving facilities and activities to cultivate a thriving, self-sufficient village, aligning Rosewell with the principles of successful place development (NPF4, Policy 14) by: promoting health; creating pleasant spaces; fostering connectivity; embracing local identity; ensuring sustainability; and allowing adaptability.

5.1 Life in the Community Policy Context

The first priority, "Life in the Community", makes proposals which would make Rosewell a sustainable and liveable space, aligning with the National Spatial Strategy for inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe communities. Rosewell has a growing population with both challenges and opportunities arising with this growth. Survey results reveal the rising demand for facilities is still a major concern for residents, despite this concern previously being raised in the Neighbourhood Plan Calendar 2019 and recognised as a key issue in MLDP (Section 8.2.67 pages 131-132). The MLDP states "wherever possible, new housing will be located close to good community facilities, shops and employment opportunities" (page 12) in line with national policy that "quality homes will be better served by local facilities and services" (page 11).

In direct response to this pressing concern for Rosewell, we propose the introduction of a 20-minute neighbourhood shaped by local context in line with Policy 15 of the NPF4. Proposals are specific to Rosewell's local area and its interconnectivity with the surrounding area. In accordance with NPF4 policy 15, Rosewell needs local access to the following:

- *"Sustainable modes of transport including local public transport and safe, high-quality walking, wheeling and cycling networks"*.
- *"Employment"* (see Section 5.5).
- *"Shopping"*; Rosewell has two well-supported corner shops but seeks local access to shopping, aiming for amenities sufficient to provide for a weekly shop within walking distance of the village. Please refer to Bonnyrigg and District Local Place Plan for potential retail facilities for consideration in MLDP2 given the lack of facilities in Rosewell and District.
- *"Health and social care facilities"*; The Local Neighbourhood Plan Rosewell Calendar 2019 actioned supporting the provision of a pharmacy within the village, but an application put forward for a pharmacy was rejected by Midlothian Council. This led to a community petition expressing discontent at the decision which attracted over 800 signatures. While the MLDP indicates that health services are provided in Bonnyrigg, our community survey results strongly

disagree with the adequacy of these services. The community envisions enhanced healthcare provision within the village through a pharmacy which should be considered for inclusion within the MLDP2. This proposal is reinforced by the Single Midlothian Plan healthcare outcomes as it will establish the first community care and support hub in Rosewell.

- *“Childcare, schools and lifelong learning opportunities”* (see Section 5.3).
- *“Playgrounds and informal play opportunities, parks, green streets and spaces, community gardens, opportunities for food growth and allotments, sport and recreation facilities”*; Rosewell wants investment in public spaces and reallocation of underutilised public land that empowers the communities to create pleasant spaces (NPF4 Policy 14). The NPF4 policy 21 states “LDPs should identify sites for sports, play and outdoor recreation for people of all ages. This should be based on an understanding of the needs and demand in the community” and our survey highlighted a need for social spaces for adults and teenagers.
To fulfil these objectives, Rosewell proposes the upgrade of the existing play park and the creation of a designated site for a community growing space or allotment to be recognised in MLDP 2. The creation of a community growing space is in line with current MLDP policy as well as Midlothian’s First Allotment and Food Growing Strategy For Midlothian 2020 – 2030. Policy ENV 16 states “on Vacant, Derelict, and Contaminated Land supports the redevelopment of such spaces, provided it aligns with other relevant policies”. Furthermore, Rosewell's commitment to outdoor activities and spaces aligns with the Council's stance on enhancing sports facilities, as outlined in the MLDP Provision for Outdoor Sports policy. The beautifully refurbished tennis court exemplifies this commitment within Rosewell.
- *“Publicly accessible toilets”* are available in the village community hub run by Rosewell Development Trust.
- Affordable and accessible housing options, ability to age in place and housing diversity (see Section 5.3).

5.2 Environment Policy Context

The Environment priorities are rooted in the NPF4’s National Developments (page 12) to support the delivery of liveable places through large-scale restoration of nature, contributing to green infrastructure and wellbeing. We have several active grassroots community groups in Rosewell that help protect our environment. In the previous Local Neighbourhood Plan, Rosewell Calendar 2019, an action plan was put in place to alleviate dog fouling in the village. This action plan has been added to with help from the Brownies who handmade dog poo-bag dispensers and put them up around the village; these dispensers are now maintained by another community group, Keep Rosewell Beautiful.

This LPP proposes building upon our active community groups to enable community empowerment to protect, restore and conserve nature and our open spaces. This is in line with the MLDP Open Space Strategy that “seeks to raise awareness of the importance of open space

across communities and ensure the long-term management and maintenance of local greenspace” through community involvement. Despite this Open Space Strategy, concerns have been raised about the management and maintenance of open spaces in Rosewell. We advocate for community empowerment to adopt green spaces, to restore nature whilst providing space for community wellbeing, and should be recognised in MLDP 2. We envision this to be a collaboration with public sector, third sector groups, businesses and developers in accordance with the MLDP Open Space Strategy and in line with the Single Midlothian Plan to make Midlothian greener. Nationally, this aligns with NPF4 Policy 4 to “help protect and restore the biodiversity, ecosystems and policy” and well as recognising “natural environment is fundamental to our health and wellbeing” (from NPF4: page 13).

Rosewell connects wildlife corridors and is part of the Green Network, shown in the MLDP in Figure 5.2 Strategic Green Network (see Appendix A3). However, none of Rosewell and District is classified as greenbelt in the MLDP (see Appendix A3). In response to this, we are proposing for the inclusion of the Rosewell side of the Roslin Glen to be allocated as greenbelt and wish MLDP 2 to recognise this. The rationale behind this proposal is that the woodland is continuous and interconnected, therefore protection should also be expanded to the Rosewell side of the North Esk river. This would align nationally with NPF4 Policy 4 to “better connect nature rich areas by establishing and growing nature networks to help protect and restore the biodiversity, ecosystems and natural processes in their area”, and Policy 6 that “existing woodlands and trees are protected, and cover is expanded”. In additional, this proposal aligns with local policy MLDP Forestry and Woodland Strategy and Policy ENV 14 and 15.

Rosewell welcomes MLDP Policy Min 3, which explicitly states “proposals for oil and gas extraction will not be permitted if they would have a significant adverse effect on communities, sensitive uses, or the environment”. MLDP 2 should take into account any potential extraction of oil or gas would not have the support of the community and be in direct conflict with the proposed Environmental priorities outlined in this LPP which aim to protect and restore all aspects of nature surrounding Rosewell.

5.3 Population and Homes Policy Context

Rosewell's population increase has outpaced the capacity of our schools and childcare services. While the MLDP recognised the need for additional provisions “through a 3-phase extension programme” to Rosewell Primary, the current development plan falls short. Rosewell Primary is projected to reach capacity by summer 2024, causing community distress and leaving parents to deal with large uncertainty. Urgent resolution is essential to support growth in accordance with national policy promoting local living and should be considered in MLDP 2.

Case Study: Site h52 housing development has designed streets without pavements which contradicts MLDP active travel policies, promotes use of cars and, does not provide safe routes to schools.



This LPP acknowledges the necessity for affordable housing in Rosewell, addressing concerns raised in the survey about the lack of social housing. Any future housing developments need to be in line with NPF4 Policy 7 to protect our cultural heritage. Consultation revealed that in the eyes of the community, measures to 1) mitigate the loss of community identity as a small mining village and 2) ensure physical or visual coalescence of new and old housing did not go far enough (Policy Dev 1 MLDP).

This LPP would also urge Policy Dev 5 (the sustainability of new developments) in the MLDP to be more ambitious in MLDP 2 in relation to future housing in Rosewell. Rosewell wants “more energy efficient, net zero emissions homes, supporting a greener, fairer and

more inclusive wellbeing economy and community wealth building, tackling both fuel and child poverty” in line with NPF4 Quality Home Policy Principles.

This LPP agrees with the MLDP recognition that “the bypass road provides a strong boundary to the village, and the MLDP acknowledges that this should form the limit of village expansion”. Additionally, recognising that Rosewell is encompassed by prime agricultural land (as per 2017 MLDP Fig 5.4), future housing developments should adhere to NPF4 Policy 8 to safeguard nature and agricultural areas. This not only preserves local farming but also contributes to ensuring food security during a climate crisis, aligning with NPF4's overarching objectives on page 6.

5.4 Getting About Policy Context

Public transport was a primary concern in the Rosewell residents survey. This LPP strongly advocates to improve local public transport services in Rosewell aligning with local and national policy on sustainable transport, policy 13 in the NPF4 and the MLDP Sustainable Travel Plan. MLDP Policy Tran 1 “seeks to develop an active travel network to promote sustainable travel and give priority to walking, cycling and public transport initiatives and developments over provision for car-based travel”. Rosewell residents are in support of this active travel network, but this network does not extend to Rosewell.

Rosewell residents predominately rely on private car-based travel due to public transport constraints and lack of amenities. This is in direct conflict with MLDP's Strategic Environmental Objective to "direct new development to locations which minimise the need to travel, particularly by private car." This LPP proposes sustainable transport links to connect Rosewell to retail developments across Midlothian as part of a local living strategy (Policy 28: NPF4). Appendix A2 is from the MLDP (page 42) and maps the distribution of retail centres across Midlothian. Currently, the current 46 bus route has limited connections, serving only Bonnyrigg and Dalkeith.

Case Study: The journey time from Rosewell to Straiton Retail Park by private car takes an average of 13 mins. By public transport, for those unable to walk between different bus routes, the same journey takes 1 hr 31 min, via 3 buses. That's a 550% increase in journey time by bus than by private car.

Having no direct bus route to into Edinburgh city centre was another problem highlighted by residents in the survey. Lack of public transport links direct to the city centre was identified as an issue in the previous Local Neighbourhood Plan, Rosewell Calendar 2019. A liaison with Lothian Buses took place which resulted in "A fifth X31 in each direction added from Mon 26 February 2018 Lothian Buses agreed to consider matters raised at the meetings and will return with proposals". However, since then the bus service has reduced to the city centre and the 49 change to the 46 means there is now no direct access. This is despite increased demand from the additional housing in Rosewell. The matter was discussed on our behalf by local councillors, but the matter remains unresolved.

Aside from public transport, Rosewell residents support local active travel measures, such as creating safer routes to school and Midlothian Green Network, provided they work for everyone within the community and enhance nature, not damage it. This LPP proposes improvements to paths and pavements around Rosewell in line with the local Core Paths network (MLDP) with particular focus on "where improvements to accessibility are most needed" (National Walking, Cycling and Wheeling Network: NPF4). It is hoped improvements to active travel can benefit the wellbeing of everyone within our community.

5.5 Jobs and Businesses Planning Context

Rosewell endorses measures that enhance the local economy and generate employment opportunities for residents, aligning with MLDP Section 4 on Promoting Economic Growth. Survey results highlighted the important infrastructure and investment which align with the MLDP acknowledgement that "physical and digital infrastructure and its role in bringing people and places together, providing economic advantage and achieving sustainable development". Rosewell also welcomes initiatives to provide access to training in line with MLDP "jobs and training is a high priority in Midlothian" (Page 36).

Aligned with these local policies, Rosewell sees the potential to establish training opportunities within the village, fostering community wealth building. Proposals involve repurposing vacant buildings and land by community groups with specific expertise, offering training and wellbeing opportunities in line with MLDP's Access to Training and Policy ENV 16, which supports the redevelopment of vacant and derelict land. These proposals further align with NPF4 Policy 25 to contribute to community wealth building strategies by "enabling community led ownership of buildings and assets".

There is currently unused space at site e24 Gorton Road (Rosewell, 2.5 hectares, as per MLDP) allocated prior to MLP 2003 for business/ general industry uses. This site presents an opportunity for adaptation, aligning with NPF4 requirements in Policy 14's (page 59) for development proposals to be "Adaptable: Supporting commitment to investing in the long-term value of buildings, streets and spaces by allowing for flexibility so that they can be changed quickly to accommodate different uses as well as maintained over time". As such, MLDP 2 should consider site e24 to be adaptable and not restricted to business/ general industry uses. Community envisions transforming this space to attract local small businesses (e.g. pop-up street food market), social enterprises or farmers' markets alongside a permanent allotment within a subset of the space.

Rosewell advocates for decarbonising the economy to create local green jobs, endorsing MLDP renewable and low carbon projects in alignment with Policy NRG 1 and 2. The community seeks energy security and a reduction of energy poverty. We would like Midlothian Council and MLDP 2 to acknowledge our interest in exploring a community-wide energy project for Rosewell. This initiative would focus on heat efficiency and microgeneration, potentially incorporating features like a solar meadow or community turbine in line with other Local Place Plans in Midlothian (Damhead and District Local Place Plan). We plan to seek support from the Midlothian Local Heat and Energy Strategy (LHESS) and will act in line with Policy 25; NPF4 aiming to enhance community resilience and reduce inequalities within the Rosewell community. The support of the Midlothian Climate Action Network in these efforts is welcomed.

6. Timelines

Table 1. Abbreviations and definitions.

| Abbreviation | Definition | Abbreviation | Definition |
|--------------|---|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| KRB | Keep Rosewell Beautiful | MSP | Member Scottish Parliament |
| LPP | Local Place Plan | MWF | Midlothian Wildflowers |
| MC | Midlothian Council | NPF4's | National Planning Framework 4 |
| MLDP | Midlothian Local Development Plan Phase 1 | RDCC | Rosewell District Community Council |
| MLDP 2 | Midlothian Local Development Plan Phase 2 | RDT | Rosewell Development Trust |

For Priority 1 – Life in the Community

| Action | Key Players | Timeline (years) |
|--|--|--|
| Retain vital community services | MC, residents, RDCC, RDT, community groups | Ongoing up to 10 years. |
| Incorporate and improving private facilities to be available to the community. | Whitehill Welfare Football Club and MC. RDCC to facilitate | Initial phases: 1 year. Completion: 3-5 years. |
| Work towards a 20-minute neighbourhood within the rural context of Rosewell Village. | RDCC, MWF, Rosewell Resilience Group, RDT | Immediate start, ongoing up to 10 years. |
| Invest in public spaces | RDCC, MC, schools | 1-2 years. |
| Allocation of unused green space within Rosewell Village | Community Groups | Initial phases: 1 year. Ongoing up to 10 years. |
| Invest in village medical facilities | RDCC, community, RDT, MC, MSPs | 3 years. |

For Priority 2 – The Environment

| Action | Key Players | Timeline (years) |
|---|--|------------------|
| Encourage the community to protect and restore green spaces that could provide potential. | MWF, KRB, MC, RDCC | Now. |
| Improve path network for all users. | KRB, MC, RDCC | 2-3 years. |
| Midlothian Council to install more bins to deal with litter and dog fouling | MC, | Now. |
| Protect greenspaces. | MC, KRB, Crown Estates, RDCC, MWF, users/residents | 1-5 years. |

For Priority 3 – Population and Homes

| Action | Key Players | Timeline (years) |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Improve traffic management within Rosewell Village | MC | Now - 1 year. |
| Increased traffic warden and police presence | MC, Police | Ongoing. |
| No New Development in Rosewell District Community Council Region | MC, Scottish Government | 10 years. |
| Improve housing standards for Midlothian and sensitivity to natural environments and surroundings | MC | 10 years. |
| Protect Rosewell village from boundary expansion | MC | 10 years. |

For Priority 4 – Getting About

| Action | Key Players | Timeline (years) |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Improve transport links | MC, Lothian Buses, RDCC, MSPs | Now. |
| Improve safe footpaths through Rosewell Village | RDCC, schools, residents, MC | 1-3 year. |
| Improve access for all on Cyclepaths | MC, RDCC, residents | 1 year. |
| Improve access for all within the Village | Community groups, RDCC, MC | 1 year. |

For Priority 5 – Jobs and Businesses

| Action | Key Players | Timeline (years) |
|--|---|---|
| Increased visitor numbers to Rosewell | Lothian buses, MC, RDCC, RDT, all local business | 2-3 years. |
| Support resources within Rosewell to help improve visibility which feeds funding back into the community | MC | 1 year. |
| Support and celebrate businesses and community groups within Rosewell | RDCC, businesses | 6 months, ongoing |
| Allocation of unused land within Rosewell Village | RDCC, MC, Community Groups, Crown Estates, local business | Initial consultations: 1-3 years. 3-6years delivery. |
| Allocation of vacant building within Rosewell Village | MC, RDCC, Rosewell resilience | 1-2 years. |
| Social Enterprise encouragement | RDCC, MC, charity | Ongoing. |

A1 Example survey and results

Example survey:

Rosewell Local Place Plan Survey

Please fill in as many or as few questions as you like. These questions are based on guidance from the local authority, please skip any that you feel you are not able to answer. We very much appreciate your time and feedback in helping make Rosewell a better place in years to come.

1. What age are you?

- 15 or under
- 16-29
- 30-44
- 45-59
- 60+
- Prefer not to say

2. What is your connection to Rosewell?

- My permanent home is Rosewell
- My permanent home is near Rosewell
- I have a home in Rosewell but it is not my permanent home
- I work in, or run, a local business in Rosewell
- I am a visitor to Rosewell
- Other

3. For roughly how many years have you had this connection to Rosewell?

4. How would you rate Rosewell's work and local economy?

(Is there an active local economy and the opportunity to access good-quality work?)

Poor Excellent

5. How would you rate Rosewell's housing and community?
(Do the homes in my area support the needs of the community?)

Poor ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ Excellent

6. How would you rate Rosewell on social contact?
(Is there a range of spaces and opportunities to meet people?)

Poor ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ Excellent

7. How would you rate Rosewell on identity and belonging?
(Does this place have a positive identity and do I feel I belong?)

Poor ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ Excellent

8. How would you rate Rosewell on feeling safe?
(Do I feel safe here?)

Poor ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ Excellent

9. How would you rate Rosewell on care and maintenance?
(Are buildings and spaces well cared for?)

Poor ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ Excellent

10. How would you rate Rosewell on influence and sense of control?
(Do I feel able to take part in decisions and help change things for the better?)

Poor ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ Excellent

11. How would you rate Rosewell on moving around?
(Can I easily walk and cycle around using good-quality routes?)

Poor Excellent

12. How would you rate Rosewell's public transport?
(Does public transport meet my needs?)

Poor Excellent

13. How would you rate Rosewell's parking and traffic?
(Do traffic and parking arrangements allow people to move around safely and meet the community's needs?)

Poor Excellent

14. How would you rate Rosewell's streets and spaces?
(Do buildings, streets and public spaces create an attractive place that is easy to get around?)

Poor Excellent

15. How would you rate Rosewell's natural space?
(Can I regularly experience good-quality natural space?)

Poor Excellent

16. How would you rate Rosewell for play and recreation?
(Can I access a range of space with opportunities for play and recreation?)

Poor Excellent

17. How would you rate Rosewell's facilities and amenities?
(Do facilities and amenities meet my needs?)

Poor Excellent

18. What do you like about living (or working) in the Rosewell area?
Please tell us up to 3 things.

19. What are Rosewell's strengths, as a community and place?
Please tell us up to 3 things.

20. Is there anything you don't like about Rosewell?
Please tell us up to 3 things.

21. What challenges are faced by the Rosewell community right now?
Please tell us up to 3 things.

22. What challenges do you think the Rosewell community may face in 5-10 years' time?

Please tell us up to 3 things.

23. What opportunities do you see for Rosewell in the future that we can make happen by working together?

Please tell us up to 3 things.

24 How do you currently find out what is going on in Rosewell?

Please tick all that apply.

Word of Mouth

Facebook Page

RDCC Website

Local Posters

Other

25. How do you think communication can be improved so we can all know what's going on?

26. Finally, please leave your name if you are happy to be directly quoted in the Local Place Plan.

RESULTS SUMMARY

Summary of answers to open ended questions asking for direct thoughts and opinions relating to Rosewell and it's services.

What do you like about living (or working) in the Rosewell area?

| | |
|----------------------|-----|
| Sense of community | 106 |
| Scenery & nature | 142 |
| Peaceful & safe | 63 |
| Outdoor activities | 58 |
| Community facilities | 45 |
| Accessibility | 34 |
| Village environment | 48 |

What are Rosewell's strengths, as a community and place?

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Active community groups | 40 |
| Quiet/Small/Safe | 39 |
| Sense of Community | 111 |
| Local Businesses | 17 |
| Nature | 70 |
| Location | 15 |
| Steading | 45 |
| Schools/nursery | 18 |
| History | 8 |

Growth in the village 7

Is there anything you don't like about Rosewell?

| | |
|--|-----|
| Parking | 10 |
| Public Transport | 163 |
| Housing | 48 |
| Anti-social behaviour | 22 |
| Lack of places to meet people (for adults) | 8 |
| Litter/fly-tipping/dog poo | 15 |
| Lack of infrastructure/investment | 14 |
| Lack of amenities | 129 |
| Roads and pavements/speeding | 41 |
| Dated play park | 5 |
| Lack of social spaces for teenagers | 7 |
| Losing green spaces | 13 |
| Services for children over-subscribed | 5 |

What challenges are faced by the Rosewell community right now?

| | |
|---|-----|
| Housing | 72 |
| Lack of amenities/infrastructure upgrades | 108 |
| Public transport | 152 |
| Roads/pavements/cars | 25 |
| Anti-social behaviour | 42 |
| Schools and nursery spaces | 22 |
| Lost identity of the village | 14 |
| Poor Economy | 4 |
| Lack of social spaces/activities | 11 |
| Care for elderly/disabled (companionship/ support/ ageing population) | 2 |
| Lack of services for children/teens | 8 |
| Care for greenspaces lacking | 9 |
| Integration of new-builds | 7 |
| Villagers not feeling heard | 8 |
| Loss of nature | 16 |
| Social housing/housing opportunities for young lacking | 6 |

What opportunities do you see for Rosewell in the future that we can make happen by working together?

| | |
|--|-----|
| Improved community facilities, activities and opportunities | 106 |
| Improved health services (GP / dentist / pharmacy) | 32 |
| Better local transport | 46 |
| Housing (more social / purposeful housing, limit new developments) | 28 |
| Protect green space | 22 |
| More things for young people / children | 19 |
| Retain village environment | 12 |
| Road safety / conditions | 12 |
| Outdoor activities, walking / cycling links | 7 |
| New / expanded school | 4 |

Better engagement with other bodies (e.g. council)

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A2 Retail Centres Across Midlothian

Figure showing retail centres across Midlothian taken from the MLDP for additional context showing Rosewell and District has no facilities.

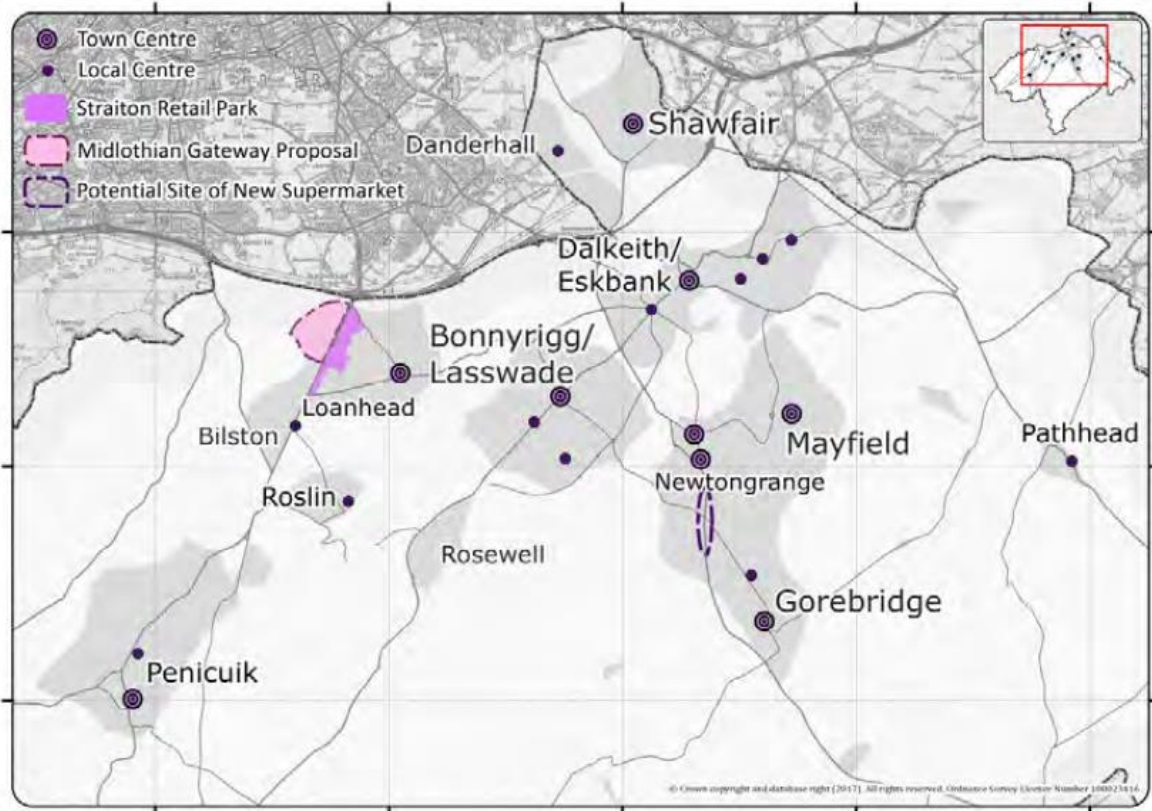


Figure 4.4 Retail Centres

A3 Protecting Nature

Figures showing Rosewell and District’s location is crucial to support Midlothian biodiversity corridors (Figure 5.2 in MLDP) despite none of Rosewell and District being classified as Greenbelt (Figure 5.1 in MLDP). Included here in support for increasing protection to nature and biodiversity in the Rosewell area.

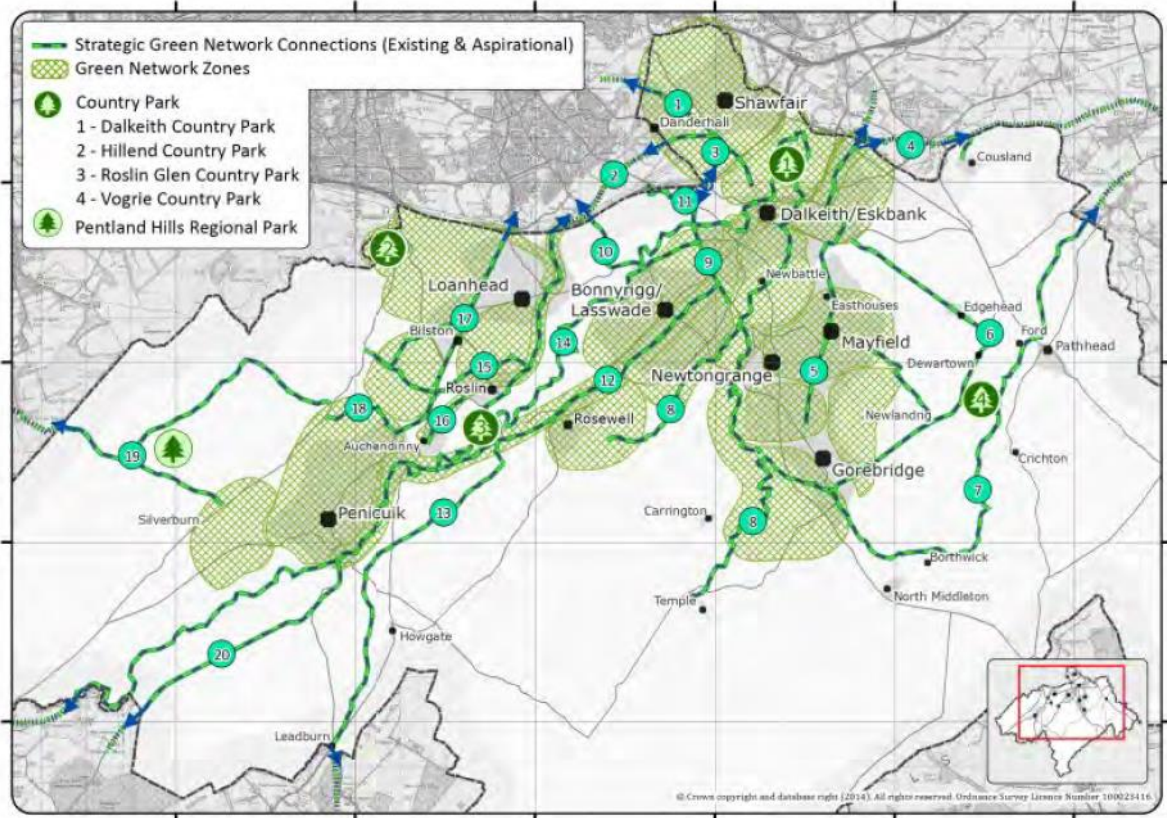


Figure 5.2 Strategic Green Network

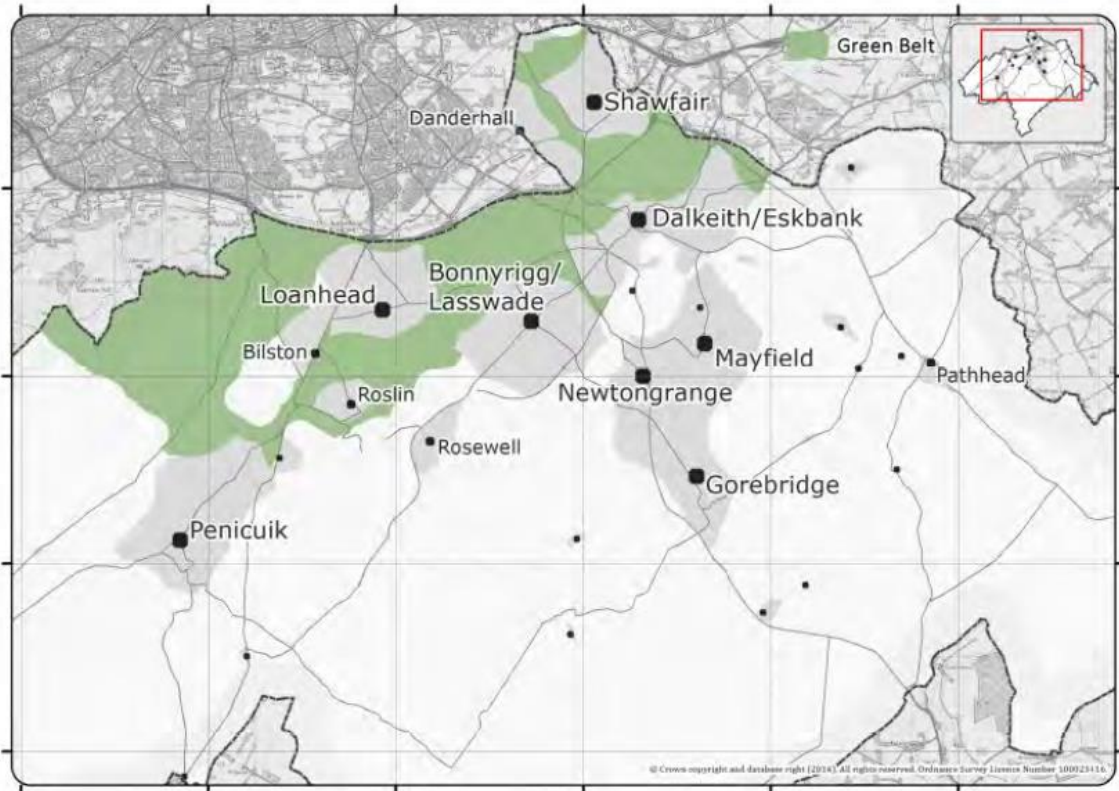


Figure 5.1 Green Belt

A4 Population statistics

Population statistics were estimated using the “City of Population” website assessed on 10/01/2024 (link here: https://citypopulation.de/en/uk/scotland/midlothian/S19002467_rosewell/) since the most recent census data is not yet available.

A5 What’s on Rosewell

WHATS ON IN ROSEWELL

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| <p>St. Mathews Church & Hall Monday: Rainbows/Brownies/Guides 17:00 - 21:00 Tuesday: Beavers/Cubs/Scouts 18:30- 21:00 Vigil Mass Every Saturday at 18:00 PM Daily Masses vary check bulletin at church door</p> <p>Rosewell Parish Church & Hall Tuesday : New age Kurling/Aging Well 1:30- 3:30 Esk Valley Church Prayer meeting 19:00 - 20:00</p> <p>Wednesday : Dog Training 18:30 - 19:30 Thursday : Clubbercise 18:15- 19:15 Friday : Yin Yoga 9:30 - 10:30 Walking Group/ Aging Well 1:30 - 3:00 Saturday: Messy Church first Sat of month 16:00-18:00 Coffee Morning second Sat of month 10:00 - 12:00 Sunday: Sunday Service 10:00 check bulletin for dates Esk Valley Church 14:30 - 17:30</p> <p>Rosewell Park Monday: KZ Bootcamp 9:20, 19:00 Tennis Club adult lessons from 18:00 Wednesday: Tennis Club Members Social 19:00 KZ Bootcamp 18:00 Saturday: Tennis Club Youth Lessons from 9:00 Sunday : KZ Bootcamp 9:30</p> | <p>The Steading Visit The Steading for a full schedule of current courses and activities or follow on Facebook.</p> <p>Activities include: Slimming World, Lunch Club, Table tennis, sewing bees, sewing lessons, lego club, dance classes, arts & crafts, play group (Chatter and Clatter), Click and Connect, etc...</p> <p>Hawthornden/ St. Mathews Field Saturday: Rosewell Football Academy Youth Coaching from 9:00</p> <p>Rosewell Miners Welfare - Bowling Club The club is open 5 days a week (closed Tuesday and Thursday). members bingo on Wednesday evening and disco on the last Saturday of every month. The bowling season runs from April to Early October. New members always welcome.</p> <p>Whitehill Welfare - Football Club Check our social media for upcoming games and social events.</p> <p>Rosewell Tennis Club Book pay and play, tennis coaching and membership via the clubs website.</p> <p>Keep Rosewell Beautiful Check our social media for clean up days. Meet AdHoc.</p> <p>Midlothian Wildflowers Check our social media for clean up days. Meet AdHoc.</p> |
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A6 A copy of the pre-submission Information Notice

Good evening,

INFORMATION NOTICE: ROSEWELL AND DISTRICT LOCAL PLACE PLAN 2024 FOR COMMENT

I am writing to you on behalf of Rosewell and District Community Council. We are obliged to send this information notice to you as per regulations, as you are a Midlothian Councillor for the area covered by the attached proposed Local Place Plan. This encompasses Ward 4 Midlothian West and Ward 6 Midlothian South

The proposed Rosewell and District Community Council Local Place Plan will be published on the website of Rosewell and District Community Council. Attached is an electronic copy of the Plan. If you wish to have a printed copy, please let me know and give me the postal address to which to send it or you may print this yourself.

In accordance with regulation 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Place Plans) (Scotland) Regulations 2021, Rosewell and District Community Council is sending you the following information.

1. The proposed Rosewell and District Local Place Plan

A copy of the proposed Rosewell and District Local Place Plan 2024 is attached.

2. A brief description of the content and purpose of the proposed Rosewell and District Local Place Plan

The proposed Local Place Plan covers the whole area covered by Rosewell and District Community Council. The area is dominated by the village of Rosewell and surrounding rural areas. A map of the Community Council area can be seen near the start of the Plan.

The primary purpose of the Local Place Plan is to set out proposals to address concerns of local residents and organisations along with our aspirations for the next 10 years. Some of these concerns have existed for a number of years. Some concerns have emerged or become acute as a result of recent and ongoing large-scale housing developments. The LPP contains a number of proposals that have been developed from community consultation which is evidenced. An overall vision for Rosewell is set out and is broken down into 5 priorities and associated actions.

3. Information as to how and to whom any representations on the content of the proposed Rosewell and District Local Place Plan should be made and the date by which they should be made

If you have any comments on the Plan, please send them to Rosewell and District Community Council:

- please email them to me at [REDACTED] .
- The deadline for comments is **March 24th, 2024**.
- If you are in need of a postal address for comments please let me know.

To allow for comments to be incorporated prior to submission to Midlothian Council by 31st March 2024, the deadline has been set and no further consultations will be undertaken. Any comments received after deadline above may not be included.

The above comprises the information notice to which the Regulations refer.

Please let me know if you have any queries.

Please acknowledge receipt of this information notice.

A7 Records of when and to whom the Information Notice was sent

| Information notice to Local Councillors | Information notice sent to Community Councils |
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| <p>Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2024 9:02 PM To: Russell Imrie [REDACTED]; Pauline Winchester [REDACTED] Kelly Parry [REDACTED] Douglas Bowen [REDACTED] Kelly Drummond [REDACTED] Ellen Scott [REDACTED]</p> | <p>Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2024 9:02 PM To: Bonnyrigg and District Community Council [REDACTED], Roslin and Bilston Community Council [REDACTED], Penicuik Community-council [REDACTED], [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p> |
| | <p>from: Secretary Rdcc [REDACTED] to: [REDACTED] date: 22 Feb 2024, 21:07 subject: INFORMATION NOTICE: ROSEWELL AND DISTRICT LOCAL PLACE PLAN 2024 FOR COMMENT mailed- by: [REDACTED]</p> |