

PARTICIPATION STATEMENT (Draft - 2026)

Dundee City Council is committed to encouraging wide ranging stakeholder and public involvement in the preparation of the Dundee Local Development Plan.

By inviting involvement at all stages of the Plan's preparation, the Council seeks to enable those with an interest in the area e.g., members of the public, businesses, key organisations, and community groups, to contribute their views before decisions are taken. This applies equally to those who support elements of the Plan as to those who wish to make objections. In doing so the Council will seek to ensure that:

- Arrangements for participation are as open, transparent and practical as possible taking cognisance of the resources available to the Council;
- Information is provided fully and as early as possible; and
- Communication is provided through appropriate and widely accessible means, in particular noting the use of the council's website as the primary repository for documentation and information, but also through face to face meetings and printed media when appropriate.

The participation process will seek to involve a wide range of parties including:

- Public Sector Groups (including key government departments and agencies);
- Private Sector groups (including infrastructure providers, business, retail and housing development interests);
- Established Community Groups (including Community Councils and other special interest groups);
- Voluntary and environmental organisations;
- Local Community Planning Partnerships (LCP); and
- All members of the community, including minority groups, younger citizens, disabled people, gypsies and travellers.

It must be noted that the Development Plan also utilises inputs from other documents such as the National Planning Framework, Community Plans, Local Place Plans, Play Sufficiency Assessments etc., which have their own separate consultation arrangements.

Special arrangements will be put in place for the bodies designated as Key Agencies by the Scottish Government:

- Historic Environment Scotland;
- Nature Scot;
- Scottish Environmental Protection Agency;
- Scottish Water;
- Scottish Enterprise;
- Tactran Regional Transport Partnership;
- NHS Tayside;
- Transport Scotland;
- Marine Scotland;
- Scottish Forestry; and
- Architecture and Design Scotland

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Email Mailing List and Keeping Informed:

To assist the Council in ensuring that those who want to be involved in the process are kept up to date on progress there is the opportunity to register contact details to receive future correspondence by e-mail.

To register details please send an e-mail to localdevplan@dundeecity.gov.uk

Your details will be used for occasional communications related to consultations and other related activities undertaken by Dundee City Council City Development Department. You can unsubscribe at any time.

General information and associated documents will be available through the webpages at <http://www.dundeecity.gov.uk/localdevplan2>. Announcements will also be made via other channels, for example, including social media and statutory public notices in newspapers.

Engaging in the preparation of the Dundee Local Development Plan

Throughout the key stages of the plan preparation process the Council encourages stakeholders to make representations. This will be facilitated by e-mail (localdevplan@dundeecity.gov.uk) as well as via the website: <http://www.dundeecity.gov.uk/localdevplan2>, and in letter form.

Key Stages in the Process for Engagement

We would encourage any person that wishes to raise an issue to be considered in the Local Development Plan to do so as early as possible and not necessarily wait until a formal consultation period. The Local Development Plan preparation process is complex, and it

may not be possible to take into account late submissions of comments or representations.

The principal opportunities for consultation and engagement during preparation of the Local Development Plan are set out below. These opportunities arise at different stages of the plan-making process. Activities undertaken to date have informed preparation of the Plan, and further opportunities for participation will continue as work progresses towards publication of the Proposed Plan and the subsequent statutory consultation period.

Participation Statement (this document). An annual consultation where comments and suggestions are sought on the content of the Participation Statement to help guide the approach to engagement during the plan making process.

Evidence Report. Targeted consultation and topic paper engagement were undertaken to ensure the necessary evidence was properly considered in the preparation of the Evidence Report. The purpose of this engagement was to establish a robust evidence base and assess the sufficiency of evidence across relevant topic areas.

Local Place Plans. Local Place Plans are community-led plans which set out proposals and aspirations for the development and use of land within a community. Registered Local Place Plans are taken into account in the preparation of the Local Development Plan. The Council formally invited eligible community bodies to prepare Local Place Plans from May 2023 and provided guidance and support throughout the process. Engagement on individual plans was undertaken by the relevant community bodies. Several community groups expressed an interest in preparing Local Place Plans and, during 2025, two Local Place Plans were submitted, validated and registered for consideration as part of the preparation of the Proposed Plan.

Call for Sites and Ideas. The Council undertook a Call for Sites and Ideas between December 2025 and March 2026 to provide communities, developers, landowners and other stakeholders with an opportunity to submit sites, proposals and ideas to inform preparation of the Proposed Plan. The information received is being assessed by the

Council and will help inform the emerging spatial strategy, policy and site assessment process.

Proposed Plan Preparation. Preparation of the Proposed Plan will be informed by ongoing engagement and collaborative working with key agencies, adjoining authorities, internal consultees, developers, landowners, businesses, community organisations and other stakeholders. This work will build on evidence gathered through earlier stages of plan preparation, including the Evidence Report, Local Place Plans and the Call for Sites and Ideas, and will help inform the emerging spatial strategy, site assessments and policy framework.

Proposed Plan Consultation and Representation Period. The Proposed Plan will set out the Council's preferred spatial strategy and policies for the future development and use of land in the city. Following approval by the Council, the Proposed Plan and accompanying Delivery Programme will be published for a minimum 12-week period of public consultation. During this period, neighbour notification will be undertaken in accordance with legislative requirements, with owners, lessees and occupiers of land on, or within 20 metres, of a proposed land allocation being notified directly in writing. Formal representations may be submitted setting out any changes sought to the Proposed Plan, and representation forms will be made available for this purpose. Information on the Proposed Plan, consultation arrangements and engagement opportunities will be made available through the Council's website, social media channels, statutory notices and other appropriate communication methods. Following consultation, the Council will consider all representations received before progressing the Plan through the statutory examination process. A Reporter appointed by Scottish Ministers will consider unresolved issues raised through representations and prepare a Report of Examination. The Council must take account of the Report of Examination before adopting the Local Development Plan.

Format of consultations and engagement:

- The Local Development Plan Review
Webpage: www.dundee.gov.uk/localdevplan2 will be used throughout the plan preparation process as the primary location for hosting consultation documents and providing information;
- Formal representations and comments will only be accepted where submitted in writing, with email being the preferred means of communication;
- Online consultation tools and online forms may be used in some instances, particularly where visual or map based information needs conveyed, but written and email responses will always be available as an alternative
- Accessible documents for all consultations will be sought to be provided, persons requiring alternative formats are urged to make contact to discuss their specific requirements so they can be accommodated as the plan preparation proceeds; and
- All submissions to the plan will be fully considered and mediation between contributing parties may be considered as a method of addressing competing or potentially contentious issues which cannot be resolved.