

Development Plan Scheme

March 2017

The next Local Development Plan for 2020

Having adopted the first Cairngorms National Park Local Development Plan (LDP) on 27 March 2015, the Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA) is now starting to prepare for the Local Development Plan that will follow from 2020. The new National Park Partnership Plan 2017-2022 is expected to be published in mid-2017, and this will set the strategic context for the 2020 LDP.

We'll refer to the 2020 LDP as LDP2 for the remainder of this document, which sets out the timetable for preparing LDP2 and how you can get involved.

How to get involved

It is essential that people who live, work and have an interest in the National Park get involved in the preparation of the next LDP. The more people who are involved in the process, the more likely it is that LDP2 makes development happen in the best places for it and in ways that meet communities' needs.

The CNPA is committed to encouraging participation and believes that this input will be vital to inform the preparation and implementation of LDP2. We place a strong emphasis on actively engaging with communities within the National Park in an open and transparent way.

This begins with the Main Issues Report, followed by the Proposed Plan. The last stages include an Examination of the Plan carried out by a Reporter appointed by the Scottish Government, after which a revised version of the LDP may be adopted. CNPA will invite the public and interested parties to comment on LDP2 at every possible stage in the process.

The **Participation Statement** below outlines our commitment to involving you in the preparation of LDP2. The CNPA will:

1. Ensure people and communities are aware of the process and the opportunities to comment on the Main Issues Report and make representations to the Proposed Local Development Plan. We will distribute information to council offices, National Park Authority offices and will also disseminate information through Community Councils, other community groups, our community liaison officers and community planning networks.
2. Widely encourage involvement using a range of methods. We will publish information on the CNPA website and publicise the consultation processes through the media, newspaper adverts and articles.
3. Produce documents which are accessible, transparent and written in jargon-free language which avoids technical terms.
4. Publish an updated Development Plan Scheme every year, setting out how and when people can get involved in the preparation process.

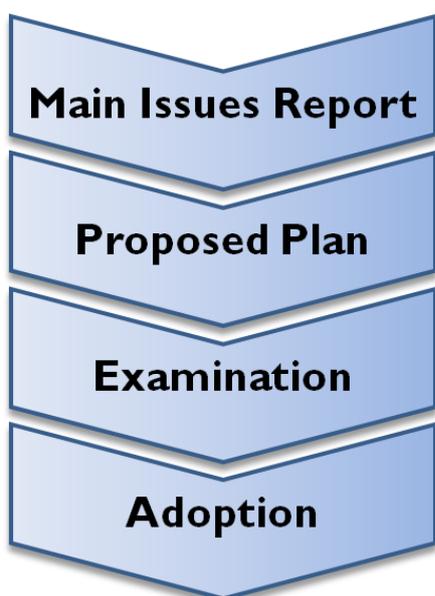


The CNPA board has agreed to standards which are based on the National Standards for Community Engagement. This means we are committed to involving communities in all stages of the LDP process. The CNPA website is the best place to start when thinking about getting involved: www.cairngorms.co.uk

What's next?

It takes several years to produce an LDP so it's expected that LDP2 will be adopted in 2020. The main stages of preparing an LDP are shown in the diagram below, and the following sections provide an outline of when those stages are expected to happen and how you can get involved in them:

Main stages of Local Development Plan



Main Issues Report
When?
October 2017
What is it?
Based on evidence gathered from a Monitoring Statement and other relevant sources, the Main Issues Report will outline the main planning issues for the National Park, setting out policy and allocation options for addressing them.
To reflect emerging changes to the planning system in Scotland, the Main Issues Report will also seek to include details of draft policies and proposals if possible, as this may help to enable a more effective consultation.

The Monitoring Statement will assess the implementation of the existing LDP and will be published alongside the Main Issues Report.
How to participate?
The CNPA will hold a public consultation on the Main Issues Report and will ask the public and stakeholders to tell us which options best address the National Park's main issues.
The responses to the consultation will be analysed and used to inform the drafting of the Proposed Plan.

Proposed Plan
When?
September 2018
What is it?
This is the draft LDP for the Cairngorms National Park and will set out policies and allocations to guide development throughout the area. It will also include a Vision Statement, Spatial Strategy and Proposals Maps.
An Action Programme will be published alongside the Proposed LDP to set out how the policies and proposals in the Proposed LDP will be implemented.
How to participate?
The CNPA will hold a public consultation on the Proposed LDP and will ask the public and stakeholders to express their opinion on it.
The responses to the consultation will be analysed and may be used to inform changes to the Proposed LDP before it is submitted for Examination.

Submission and Examination
When?
Submission – May 2019 Examination – Summer/Autumn 2019
What is it?
At this stage the Proposed LDP is submitted to the Scottish Government who will appoint a Reporter to carry out an Examination into any unresolved issues. The Reporter will check that the CNPA has consulted properly before the main part of the Examination looks to resolve any outstanding objections to the Proposed LDP.

At the end of the process the Reporter will publish an Examination Report, which will set out a list of recommended modifications to the LDP.

How to participate?

This stage is only open to people who made responses to the Proposed LDP that the CNPA has been unable to resolve. Most correspondence will take place through written representations between the Reporter and the interested parties. The Reporter may hold a Hearing session to help them consider any particularly complicated or contentious issues.

Adoption

When?

April 2020

What is it?

Having received the Examination Report, the CNPA must modify the LDP in line with the Reporter's recommendations before notifying people who made representations of the CNPA's intention to adopt the Plan and sending copies to the Scottish Government. The Scottish Ministers have 28 days to consider the Plan and after this time the CNPA may formally adopt the LDP unless Ministers direct a different action.

How to participate?

The public will be informed of the adoption of the LDP via the CNPA website and press advert. People who made representations on the Proposed LDP are informed directly in writing.

Contact details

If you want to be kept informed of progress with the LDP's development, or if you have any questions that you would like answered, please contact:

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