

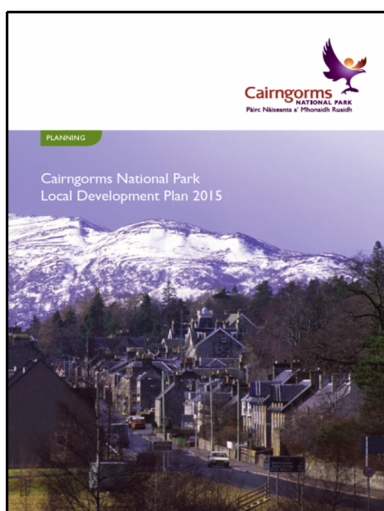
Local Development Plan Newsletter

What's the newsletter for?

This newsletter sets out the main stages of work in preparing the Local Development Plan (LDP) for the Cairngorms National Park, with a timetable for preparing the LDP, information on how and when people can get involved in its preparation, and news about what's happened recently. It also acts as the formal **Development Plan Scheme**, that the CNPA reviews and publishes each year.

The Local Development Plan 2015

It's good news for the Cairngorms National Park as on the 27th March 2015 its new **Local Development Plan** (LDP) was adopted by the Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA). The Cairngorms National Park Local Development Plan 2015 will simplify the planning process in the National Park by replacing the Cairngorms National Park Local Plan 2010, the Local Plans that covered parts of Perth and Kinross included in the Park in 2010, as well as older structure plans prepared by each local authority.



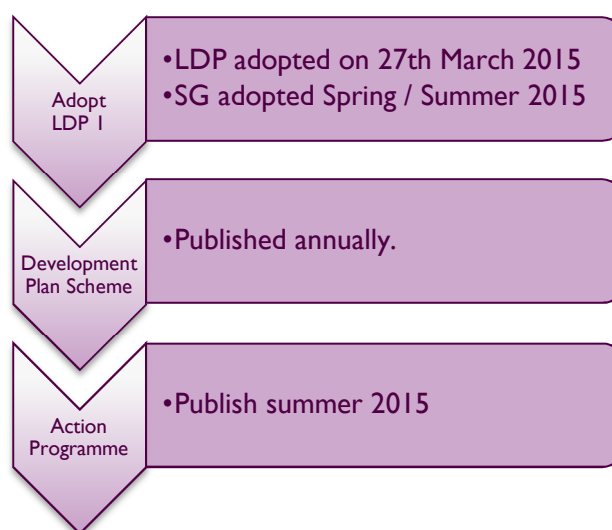
The LDP is one of the National Park's most important documents. It guides how good development can happen in the places we want and where the National Park's natural and cultural heritage is protected from development.

The LDP is guided by the National Park's other important strategy, the Cairngorms National Park Partnership Plan (NPPP) 2012-2017 which sets out a long-term vision for the National Park. The LDP sets out policies and proposals for development that help deliver that vision.

The CNPA website is the best place to view the LDP and its supporting documents:
<http://cairngorms.co.uk/park-authority/planning/local-development-plan/>

Where are we now?

The stages that have recently or are currently being undertaken are:



Supplementary Guidance

To help people understand how to comply with the LDP the CNPA have also produced a number of Supplementary Guidance (SG) documents,

which contain more detailed guidance on specific policies and places. There are 11 individual SG, which should be adopted in the summer of 2015 and cover:

1. New Housing Development
2. Supporting Economic Growth
3. Sustainable Design
4. Natural Heritage
5. Landscape
6. Renewable Energy
7. Sport and Recreation
8. Cultural Heritage
9. Resources
10. Developer Contributions
11. Development Briefs

The CNPA may produce other planning guidance to support the LDP if it is needed during the life of the Plan.

The next Local Development Plan for 2020

At the same as delivering the new LDP, the CNPA will start to prepare for the Local Development Plan that will follow from 2020. We'll refer to it as LDP2 for the remainder of this newsletter that sets out the timetable for preparing it 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 their preparation of the next LDP. The more people who are involved in the process, the more likely it that LDP2 makes development happen in the best places for it and ways that meet communities' needs.

The CNPA is committed to encouraging participation and believes that this input is vital to inform the preparation and implementation of the LDP. 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 begin with 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 the LDP at every possible stage in the process.



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

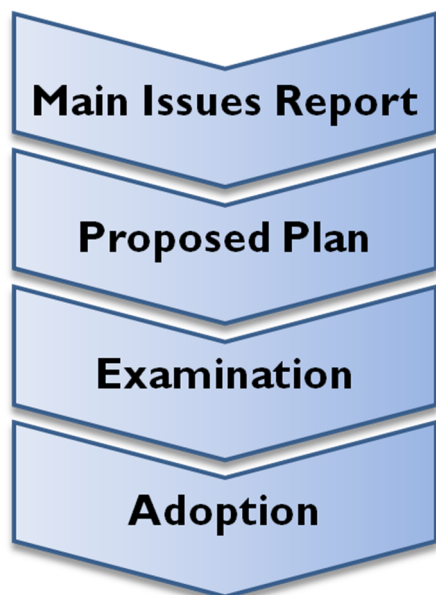
1. Ensure people and communities are aware of the process and the opportunities to make representations to the proposed Local Development Plan. We will distribute information to council offices, National Park Authority Offices and will also disseminate information through Community Councils, our Community Liaison Officers and community planning networks.
2. Widely encourage involvement through the use of e-participation and e-planning systems. We will publish information on the CNPA website and publicise the consultation process 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.
5. Help interested parties get independent assistance in the process through its links with Planning Aid for Scotland.

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: <http://cairnngorms.co.uk/park-authority/planning/local-development-plan/>

What's next?

It takes around 5 years to produce an LDP so it's expected that LDP2 will be adopted in 2020. The main stages of preparing a LDP are shown in the diagram below and the following sections provides 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?
Early 2017
What is it?
Based on the evidence gathered from the Monitoring Statement, the Main Issues Report outlines the main planning issues for the National Park, setting out policy and allocation options.
The Monitoring Statement 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 are analysed and used to inform the drafting of the Proposed Plan.

Proposed Plan
When?
Early 2018
What is it?
This is the draft LDP for the Cairngorms National Park and sets out the policies and allocations to guide development throughout the area. It also includes a Vision Statement, Spatial Strategy and Proposals Maps.
The Action Programme will be published alongside the Proposed Plan.
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 are analysed and may be used to inform changes to the Proposed LDP before it is submitted for Examination.

Examination
When?
Spring/Summer 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 outstanding issues that people who've made representation have with the Proposed LDP.
At the end of the process the Reporter will publish an Examination Report, which sets out a list of recommended modifications to the LDP.
How to participate?
This stage is only open to people who made representations on 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 for particularly complicated or contentious issues.



Contact Details

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

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Adoption

When?

2020

What is it?

Having received the Examination Report, the CNPA must take its recommendations and modify the LDP 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.