

Elie and Earlsferry Local Place Plan: Supporting Statement

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A Local Place Plan (LPP) has been created by Elie and Earlsferry Community Council (TCC) which reflects the thoughts, ideas and aspirations of the people of Elie and Earlsferry, for the future of their villages.

Key Proposals included in the LPP relate to:

- Recognising and preserving our built history and heritage.
- Recognising a need for housing while ensuring appropriate and adequate services and an upgrade of sewage and surface water management systems are in place in advance of any building activity taking place.
- Protecting our green spaces, parks, paths, and ensuring and facilitating access to nature and the outdoors.
- Ensuring roads and pavements are accessible and fit for purpose, making it easy for everyone to move around our village in a connected way and traffic calming measure are put in place.
- The creation of community hubs promoting community development, regeneration, education, recreation and tackling social isolation

This Supporting Statement forms part of the Local Place Plan submission to Fife Council and is accompanying the Elie and Earlsferry Local Place Plan dated *July 2024*. The Local Place Plan can be accessed via the councils' website: elieandearlsferrycc.org

Contact details: any representations on the content of the Local Place Plan should be made to: enquiries@elieandearlsferrycc.org

Regard given to the Local Development Plans and NPF4

The currently Adopted FIFEplan Local Development Plan describes where and how development will take place in the area over the 12 years from 2014-2026 to meet the future environmental, economic, and social needs, and provides an indication of development beyond this period.

Fife Local Development Plan 2

Fife Council is now preparing a new Local Development Plan (LDP). Once adopted, LDP2 will replace the existing FIFEplan. It will also replace the Supplementary Guidance on Affordable Housing, Low Carbon Fife, Making Fife's Places, and Minerals.

Along with the Scottish Government's [National Planning Framework 4](#) (NPF4), it will form the statutory development plan for Fife. Within, it will set out the planning policies and proposals for the use and development of land across Fife for the next 10 to 20 years. NPF4 is the National Spatial Strategy for Scotland. It sets out the spatial principles, regional priorities, national developments, and national planning policy.

Provision of affordable homes

Elie and Earlsferry's new housing development, which is included in the Local Place Plan, aims to comply with both the current Fifeplan, Fife LDP2 and the Fourth National Planning Framework through the provision of affordable housing via the Rural Housing Burden and Local Lettings initiatives.

Provision of accommodation for older people in rural areas

A particular issue noted in the Fifeplan is the lack of accommodation, including care homes, for older people in villages and rural communities. Innovative solutions on sites within the heart of rural

villages will be sought. This could free up single-occupancy homes while enhancing care for the elderly in the community.

Support is therefore sought for the provision of a care home and retirement housing accommodation for older people within this local area.

Growth of business activity and employment

Fife's LDP also supports the growth of business activity and employment to help build the economy, offer more job opportunities and allow more people to improve and maintain their living standards. Support is therefore sought for proposals that will bring employment to this area.

Heritage

Fife's rich natural, built and cultural heritage assets attract tourism to the area and encourage investment. These assets are protected by policies in the Plan. Preserving the local character of settlements and landscapes across Fife, (particularly where these are considered to have distinct and special qualities) and avoiding the loss or degradation of natural resources are fundamental principles of the Plan.

The Local Place Plan for Elie and Earlsferry seeks to protect its varied and rich natural and built heritage which is a key aim in the LDPs and the NPF4 by providing guidance to planners in relation to any proposals for change within the historic core of the villages and conservation areas and for this guidance to be used to determine planning applications.

Local living.

The NPF4 seeks to support local liveability and improve community health and wellbeing by ensuring people can easily access services, greenspace, learning, work and leisure locally.

The development of local Community hubs within Elie and Earlsferry, with a multi-use community space, will help ensure access to a wide range of leisure activities within this rural area and help tackle social isolation (NEF Rural Poverty Action Plan 2023-2026).

Community support for the Local Place Plan

The engagement process undertaken in 2019 as part of the Going Forth initiative, involved extensive consultation with the local community.

The Going Forth process brought together a range of partners including Elie and Earlsferry Community Council, Fife Council, local landowners, business owners, local schools, community groups and local people.

The Local Place Plan + Community Action Plan along with an Information notice was sent out to the following individuals and organisations:

List of Councillors

- Cllr Alycia Hayes
- Cllr Sean Dillon
- Cllr Fiona Corps

The Information Notice sent to all 3 local councillors on
22nd July 2024

List of Community Councils

- Largo Area CC: sent to Largo Area CC on Wednesday 10th July 2024. Their Council responded on Thursday 11th July 2024 with the comment “Many thanks for sharing your Local Place Plan”.

- Colinsburgh and Kilconquhar CC: sent to Colinsburgh & Kilconquhar CC on Monday 22nd July 2024. The council responded on Monday 22nd July 2024 with this statement: “It is extremely well prepared. Well done.”
- St Monans CC: sent to St Monans CC on Thursday 11th July 2024 and 21st August 2024. I received a response from St Monans CC on 21st August 2024 saying they had inadvertently deleted the email.

A copy of the LPP + Community Action Plan and Information Notice was sent again to St Monans CC using the contact details shared at [List of Community Councils and boundaries | Fife Council](#)