

Boarhills and Dunino Local Place Plan: Supporting Statement

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Introduction

This Supporting Statement forms part of the Local Place Plan submission to Fife Council and is accompanying the Boarhills and Dunino Community Council Local Place Plan dated 6th June 2024.

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Regard given to the Local Development Plan

Fife's current Local Development Plan was approved in 2017 and sets out policies and proposals for the development and use of land across Fife. Boarhills and Dunino Community Council strives to advise, petition, influence and advocate on the numerous causes and cases of concern in our local communities.

This Local Place Plan is a collaborative exercise to better understand the environmental, social and wellbeing factors impacting on our communities now and in the future. The legal requirements for Local Place Plans are set out in:

- The Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (this amends The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997).
- The Town and Country Planning (Local Place Plans) (Scotland) Regulations 2021.

The Local Place Plan (LPP) was developed through physical and online questionnaires, a bespoke workshop and opportunities to feedback at Community Council meetings throughout the course of 2023 – 24.

The Plan is focussed on tackling the challenges our rural communities face in navigating challenging economic and long-term environmental issues. In particular, to give voice to concerns of reducing public services, sustainability, housing, and demographic changes.

Regard given to the National Planning Framework

The Boarhills and Dunino Community Council's LPP process was undertaken in line with the National Standards for Community Engagement, which are good-practice principles designed to improve and guide the process of community engagement. Appendix 1.

In preparing the Local Place Plan regard has been given to the policies of the National Planning Framework, such as the role of green belt in protecting the landscape and setting of settlements.

Regard given to any relevant Locality Plan

The Community Council sees collaboration with local stakeholders such as Boarhills and Dunino Community Trust and Boarhills Village Hall Committee as key to delivering positive outcomes for our communities. The LPP has been developed taking cognisance of neighbouring LPP's and locality initiatives.

The North East Fife Rural Poverty Action Plan is a locality plan relevant to the Boarhills and Dunino ward area. Our Local Place Plan is considered to be consistent with the desired outcomes and actions within the North East Rural Poverty Action Plan. The plan sets out outcomes and actions to address the following priorities: Climate Crisis; Reduction Reuse Recycle; Food Insecurity and Access to services; Income maximisation; Lived experiences; Family support; and, Crisis / Cost of living : Support Social Isolation and Mental Health.

Reasons for amendments being sought to the Local Development Plan

Boarhills and Dunino Community Council is comprised of people who care about their community and want to make it a better place to live, as well as representing the community to the local authority.

The Community Council wishes to facilitate a wide range of activities which promote the well-being of our communities. The LPP aims to bring local people together to help make things happen, and to promote the identity of our community.

True localism is built from the ground up and BDCC LPP reflects community aspiration in influencing Fife Council plans.

Community support for the Local Place Plan

The engagement process was undertaken in line with the National Standards for Community Engagement, which are good-practice principles designed to improve and guide the process of community engagement.

The local Place Plan was prepared following extensive consultation with the community over a twelve-month period July 2023 to June 2024.

The consultation process included a community focussed questionnaire. Three hundred questionnaires were delivered to all homes and partner organisations in the Boarhills and Dunino area by hand.

The questionnaire and associated guidance gave participants contextual information to assist feedback and gave the opportunity to complete an on-line copy through use of a link or QR code to Google Forms, or post a hard copy at collection points in Boarhills and Dunino.

Following on from the initial questionnaire survey a feedback document in the form of an A3 poster and 'word clouds' were produced to assist in ongoing consultation. A consultation drop-in session was held at Boarhills Village Hall; sixty-two members of the community engaged with the presentation and took the opportunity to have their opinions on the process noted.

The feedback from the workshop was fed into the overall data gathering exercise to generate current and future priorities to be delivered through the Local Place Plan.

Draft LPP's were circulated among stakeholders for comment on priorities and outcomes.

Evidence relating to the Information Notice

The proposed Local Place Plan and information notice were sent in December 2023:

List of Councillors to whom the proposed Local Place Plan was sent

- Cllr Alycis Hayes
- Cllr Sean Dillon
- Cllr Fiona Corps

List of Community Councils to whom the proposed Local Place Plan was sent

- Royal Burgh of St Andrews
- Cameron
- Kingsbarns
- Carnbee & Arncroach
- Royal Burgh of Crail and District

*** Community Councils and their boundaries can be found on the following interactive map:**

<https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/about-your-council2/politicians-and-committees/community-councils/list-of-community-councils-and-boundaries>

Appendix

Boarhills and Dunino Local Place Plan

Notice served in accordance with Regulation 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Place Plans) (Scotland) 2021

A. Brief description of the content and purpose of the proposed local place plan

1. The objective is to submit this Local Place Plan (LPP) to Fife Council to become part of the new statutory Local Development Plan. When adopted by Fife Council it will become a formal Planning document informing immediate and longer-term planning decisions, development proposals and initiatives in the Boarhills and Dunino area.

2. **The natural environment be preserved and enhanced**, including the upgrading and maintenance of the local path networks to support community wellbeing. A network of green corridors to be developed to support and protect local flora and fauna while giving appropriate access for pedestrians and cyclists.

3. **New developments in the local area should enhance and not detract** from the quality of life for residents. The existing roadways and footpaths should be better managed to support pedestrian and vehicular travel. The opportunity to make more use of green areas to improve community wellbeing will be improved.

4. **Mutually beneficial relationships with local business and tourism** ventures will be encouraged and developed. The provision of enhanced broadband provision will be progressed to improve connectivity for residents and business. The potential to develop green energy generation to the benefit and wellbeing of the community will be explored with private and public partners.

6. **The development of community assets and spaces will be actively supported**, including the upgrade and maintenance of the Village Hall to become a community hub. Facilities for visitors to Boarhills Doocot, including consideration for toilet provision, signage and parking should be provided and improved.

7. **Roads, footpaths (including the Fife Coastal Path), cycle routes and parking within the LPP area should be expanded and improved** with links made to the wider network. Public transport options should be enhanced. A traffic management plan should be implemented to manage pressure on the local road network by local businesses and tourism. Car parking should be provided for visitors.

8. **Any new developments should be implemented within the principles and in sympathy with the aspirations and wellbeing of the local community.** Any new developments should not adversely impact on the sustainability and viability of the local community.

9. **Any new housing developments should make provision for affordability, and accessibility to improve the viability of the local community.** Any design should be

sympathetic to the local environment and sustainable. Restrictions on sale/use should be imposed to limit numbers of second homes and holiday homes.

B. Information as to how and to whom any representations on the content of the proposed local place plan should be made and the date by which they should be made.

Any representation on the content of the proposed plan should be made to Boarhills and Dunino Community Council by e mail at secretaryboarhillsandduninocc@gmail.com or eform at Boarhills and Dunino Community Council

Representations should be received no later than 29th January 2024

Boarhills and Dunino Community Council December 2023