

Supporting Statement for West Linton Local Place Plan

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Introduction

This Supporting Statement forms part of the Local Place Plan submission to Scottish Borders Council and is accompanying the West Linton Local Place Plan dated 16 May 2025.

Contact details

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Regard given to the Local Development Plan

The West Linton Local Place Plan does not set out definitive allocations (new or amended), nor definitive policy changes, to the Local Development Plan (LDP). However, it does support the continued allocation of site ZEL18 for Business and Industrial Use.

The West Linton Local Place Plan should be taken into account during the forthcoming LDP process once registered as a Local Place Plan. The West Linton Local Place Plan sets out several interventions and proposals for the development or use of land, supported by the community, which are to be implemented over time. The interventions and proposals, in principle, are complementary of the LDP rather than competing, conflicting, or opposing, and set out how the community would like to see these developed.

The interventions and proposals are presented on pages 21 to 25 of the West Linton Local Place Plan. Section 7, Strategic Alignment summarises where the current Local Place Plan fits with the previous Local Development Plan. There is synergy between the concepts of a sustainable place, connectivity, affordability, inclusion and a move to net zero. Since the previous LDP, the housing at School Brae has been completed but the Business and Industrial use at site ZEL18 Deanfoot

Road is still pending so is referred to in our LPP. All the areas allocated to key green space in the previous LDP are important sites for us and we are keen to protect them.

Regard given to the National Planning Framework

The link to National Planning Framework 4 can also be seen at section 7, on page 35. There are six overarching spatial principles and we have set out how these fit with our Local Place Plan.

Regard given to the Locality Plan

Links to other plans are listed on p35 and this has influenced the priorities and themes at section 5.1.

Reasons for amendments being sought to the Local Development Plan

There are no suggested amendments to the LDP except to continue to prioritise the business units.

Community support for the Local Place Plan

The depth and reach of community support is set out in section 6, which summarises the survey with 337 responses, the well-attended suite of public events, the school session with young people and the stakeholder summit. To accompany the drop in events a digital ideas survey allowed open contribution from local people. All in all well over 500 people contributed in detail to the process, around 1/3 of the population.

Evidence of compliance with Regulation 4

The proposed Local Place Plan and information notice were sent on 04/03/2025 to:

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

- Viv Thompson
- Eric Small
- Drummond Begg

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

- Lamancha Newlands and Kirkurd
- Carlops
- Blackmount
- Kirknewton,
- West Calder and Harburn

Appendix

The West Linton Village Survey that preceded preparation of the Local Place Plan can be viewed at: [West Linton Community Survey — 56 Degree Insight](#)

