

**Supporting Statement  
for  
Abbey St Bathans, Bonkyl &  
Preston  
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 Abbey St Bathans, Bonkyl & Preston Local Place Plan dated October 2025.

## Contact details

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## Regard given to the Local Development Plan

The plan has been drafted in alignment with Scottish Borders Council's Local Development Plan, as evidenced in Section 5.2 of the LPP.

## Regard given to the National Planning Framework

The Abbey St Bathans, Bonkyl & Preston Local Place Plan (LPP) has been developed in accordance with the principles and priorities of NPF4, Scotland's national spatial strategy. The LPP reflects NPF4's overarching goals of creating sustainable, liveable, and productive places as evidenced in Section 5.2 page 31 of the LPP.

## **Regard given to the Locality Plan**

The LPP supports the Scottish Borders Community Planning Partnership's vision to improve quality of life through targeted partnership action and complements the Berwickshire Locality Plan, which focuses on four themes: Economy, Skills & Learning; Health, Care & Wellbeing; Quality of Life; and Environment & Place. This is evidenced in Section 5.2, page 31 of the LPP.

## **Reasons for amendments being sought to the Local Development Plan**

The Abbey St Bathans, Bonkyl & Preston Local Place Plan does not set out definitive allocations (new or amended), nor definitive policy changes, to the Local Development Plan (LDP). However, the Abbey St Bathans, Bonkyl & Preston Local Place Plan should be considered during the forthcoming LDP process once registered as a Local Place Plan. The Abbey St Bathans, Bonkyl & Preston Local Place Plan sets out several projects and proposals for the development or use of land and reuse of buildings, supported by the community, which are to be implemented over time. The projects 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 projects and proposals are presented on pages 31 to 33 of the Abbey St Bathans, Bonkyl & Preston Local Place Plan

## **Community support for the Local Place Plan**

The Abbey St Bathans, Bonkyl & Preston Local Place Plan is supported by the local community as evidenced in Section 3 (pages 16-22) of the plan.

## **Evidence of compliance with Regulation 4**

The proposed Local Place Plan and information notice were sent on 18/06/2025 to:

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

- Mid-Berwickshire Councillor John Greenwell
- Mid-Berwickshire Councillor Donald Moffat
- Mid-Berwickshire Councillor Mark Rowley
- East Berwickshire Councillor James Anderson
- East Berwickshire Councillor Carol Hamilton
- East Berwickshire Councillor Aileen Orr

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

- Allanton, Whitsome & Edrom Community Council
- Chirnside Community Council
- Gavinton, Fogo & Polwarth Community Council
- Duns Community Council
- Cockburnspath & Cove Community Council
- Reston & Auchencrow Community Council
- Grantshouse Community Council
- Lammermuir Community Council
- East Lammermuir Community Council

The draft plan was also sent out to:

- East Berwickshire Councillor Aileen Orr
- MSP Rachel Hamilton
- MP John Lamont