

**Supporting Statement
for
Upper Teviotdale and
Borthwick Water
Local Place Plan**

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1. Introduction

This Supporting Statement forms part of the Local Place Plan submission to Scottish Borders Council and is accompanying the Upper Teviotdale and Borthwick Water Local Place Plan dated 30/01/26

2. Contact details

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3. Regard given to the Local Development Plan

This was considered as part of the LPP process and can be seen at section 6.2 of the Local Place Plan.

The Scottish Borders Local Development Plan (LDP) was adopted on 22 August 2024⁵⁹.

Due to the small hamlets in our area, only one settlement, Roberton is featured in the LDP settlement profiles (see Appendix 8.5). This Local Place Plan does not propose any changes to the existing Scottish Borders Council Local Development Plan.

4. Regard given to the National Planning Framework

Fit with the National Planning Framework is set out in detail on Appendix 8.5.

5. Regard given to the Locality Plan

Consideration of the Locality Plan can be seen in Appendix 8.5 at p32

6. Reasons for amendments being sought to the Local Development Plan

No amendments are sought to the Local Development Plan.

7. Community support for the Local Place Plan

Our Local Place Plan has been developed using a variety of different community engagement mechanisms, aimed at giving as many people as possible the opportunity to share their views. These were:

- A community survey
- 1:1 semi structured interviews with a range of local residents, businesses and organisations
- Open drop in events in February 2025 at Teviothead Village Hall and Forman Hall, Roberton
- Children and Families event in March 2025 to engage local families in LPP
- A visit to Cogsmill Hall in April 2025
- An external review of the available minutes from Upper Teviotdale & Borthwick Water Community Council
- Feedback events on draft LPP in June 2025 at Teviothead Village Hall and Forman Hall, Roberton

We are satisfied that there has been a good level of engagement with the process, given the small population in our area.

This can be seen in section 4 of our Local Place Plan

8. Evidence of compliance with 28 Day consultation

The proposed Local Place Plan and information notice were sent on 01/10/2025 to:

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

- Annette Smart
- Jane Cox
- Watson McAteer

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

- Hawick CC
- Hobkirk CC
- Ettrick and Yarrow CC
- Lilliesleaf, Ashkirk & Midlem CC
- Denholm & District CC
- Newcastleton and District CC
- Upper Liddesdale & Hermitage CC
- Eskdale Muir CC

The plan was issued for broad feedback via paper copies and an online QR code for the local residents to view the LPP and submit comments.