

Supporting Statement for Southdean Local Place Plan

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Introduction

This Supporting Statement forms part of the Southdean Local Place Plan submission to Scottish Borders Council and is accompanying the Southdean Local Place Plan and Appendices dated 16/2/2026. The Statement and The Place Plan documents have been lodged by Philip Kerr, the Chair of Southdean Community Council on behalf of the Community of Southdean.

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Regard given to the Local Development Plan

The Scottish Borders Local Development Plan (LDP2) was adopted on 22 August 2024.

Alignment with the overarching policy themes is set out in the separate appendices document on Page 17.

This Local Place Plan does not propose any changes to the Scottish Borders Council Local Development Plan 2.

Regard given to the National Planning Framework

The appendices lodged with the Place Plan references the National Planning Framework 4 and the relevance that each of the projects has to the Local Place Plan. This can be found on Page 16

Regard given to the Locality Plan

The Teviot & Liddesdale Locality Plan (2020) is referenced on Page 17-19 of the Appendices and how the projects identified in the Plan have due regard to the Locality Plan.

Regard given to the Community Plan

The Southdean Place Plan also references Scottish Borders Community Plan the relevance of projects from page 20 of the Appendices.

Reasons for amendments being sought to the Local Development Plan

Southdean Place Plan does not set out definitive allocations (new or amended), nor definitive policy changes, to the Local Development Plan (LDP). However, the Southdean Place Plan should be considered during the forthcoming LDP process once registered as a Local Place Plan.

The Southdean Place Plan sets out several projects and proposals for the development or use of land and reuse of buildings, supported but the community, which are to be implemented over time. The projects and proposals, in principle, are complementary to 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 35 to 42 of the Southdean Place Plan and their alignment with the Local Development Policies are presented on page 17 of the Appendices.

Community support for the Local Place Plan

At the Southdean Community Council meeting held on 28th January 2026, members considered the positive verbal and written comments received by members of Upper Liddesdale Community Council and The Forestry Commission. It was also noted that the Wauchope East Forest Plan, 2025 to 2035, has incorporated several of the Southdean LPP suggestions into their plan.

Website visits note that there were 131 visits to the LPP page during the consultation period.

Comments received by the Southdean Community Council, both verbally and in writing, were complementary on the Place Plan content and structure with no justification provided to change the draft Plan further.

As a result the Southdean Community Council agreed that no further changes needed to be made to the draft LPP. We are satisfied that there has been a good level of engagement with the process and that the people of Southdean have had been offered a menu of opportunities to participate in engagement and consultation activities.

Evidence of compliance with Regulation 4

The proposed Local Place Plan and information notice were sent out for consultation on 7/12/2026

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

- Councillor Marshall
- Councillor Ramage
- Councillor Richards

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

- Upper Liddesdale Community Council
- Hobkirk Community Council
- Jed Valley Community Council
- Kielder Parish Council
- Rochester With Byrness Parish Council

Philip Kerr

Chair

Southdean Community Council