

Supporting Statement for Denholm and District 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 Denholm and District Local Place Plan dated 05/03/2026.

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Contact details

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Regard given to the Local Development Plan

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

The area covered by the Denholm and District Local Place Plan includes Denholm and Minto which both have settlement boundaries and therefore a settlement profile within the LDP as well as a Conservation Area. Due to the small size of Bedrule, it does not feature within the LDP settlement profiles. Alignment with the overarching policy themes is set out at Appendix 8.5 of the LPP. This Local Place Plan does not propose any changes to the Scottish Borders Council Local Development Plan.

Regard given to the National Planning Framework

The Denholm and District LPP has given regard to National Planning Framework 4 in the following ways:

- **Just transition** - We will empower people to shape their places and ensure the transition to net zero is fair and inclusive.
- **Conserving and recycling assets** - We will make productive use of existing buildings, places, infrastructure and services, locking in carbon, minimising waste, and building a circular economy.
- **Local living** - We will support local liveability and improve community health and wellbeing by ensuring people can easily access services, greenspace, learning, work and leisure locally.
- **Compact urban growth** - We will limit urban expansion so we can optimise the use of land to provide services and resources, including carbon storage, flood risk management, blue and green infrastructure and biodiversity.
- **Rebalanced development** - We will target development to create opportunities for communities and investment in areas of past decline, and manage development sustainably in areas of high demand.
- **Rural revitalisation** - We will encourage sustainable development in rural areas, recognising the need to grow and support urban and rural communities together

Further details and related themes and projects within the plan can be seen on page 68.

Regard given to the Locality Plan

The Denholm and District LPP has shown regard to key themes and priorities in the Locality Plan and includes projects which relate to the themes:

- Our Economy, Skills and Learning
- Our Health, Care and Wellbeing
- Our Quality of Life
- Our Environment and Place

Further information on which projects relate to these themes can be found on pages 69-71 of the LPP.

Reasons for amendments being sought to the Local Development Plan

Denholm and Minto both have settlement boundaries and therefore a settlement profile within the LDP as well as a Conservation Area. Due to the small size of Bedrule, it does not feature within the LDP settlement profiles. Alignment with the overarching policy themes is set out at Appendix 8.5.

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

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

The projects and proposals included in the Denholm and District Local Place Plan, 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 30 to 34 of the Denholm and District Local Place Plan.

Community support for the Local Place Plan

Section 4 of the Local Place Plan details the community engagement which was undertaken as part of the development of this plan.

Evidence of compliance with Regulation 4

The proposed Local Place Plan and information notice were sent on 23/10/2025 to:

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

- Cllr Stuart Marshall: smarshall@scotborders.gov.uk
- Cllr Clair Ramage: Clair.Ramage@scotborders.gov.uk
- Cllr Neil Richards: Neil.Richards@scotborders.gov.uk

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

The proposed Local Place Plan and information notice were sent on 23/10/2025 to:

- Hobkirk Community Council
- Lanton Community Council
- Ancrum Community Council
- Lilliesleaf, Askirk and Midlem Community Council
- BurnfootCommunityCouncil
- Hawick Community Council
- Upper Teviotdale and Borthwick Water

The proposed Local Place Plan and information notice were sent on 15/12/2025 to:

- Jed Valley Community Council

Appendix

None