

PARTICIPATION STATEMENT (Extract from DPS)

Community Engagement

The Comhairle's Development Plan Team is committed to meaningful community engagement. It seeks to:

- involve a range of interests, build on early engagement, particularly with communities, [Key Agencies](#), identified groups, and other stakeholders, to inform the shape of plans, proposals and guidance;
- engage with underrepresented/ hard to reach groups
- take into account the National Standards for Community Engagement;
- tailor consultation to different plan stages, document types and/or interest groups;
- provide communications/documents that are easily accessible and easy to understand;
- listen to and fully consider representations; and maintain an open and transparent consultation process.



DIAGRAM 1: WHO WE WILL CONSULT

Consultation Methods

A range of methods will be utilised to effectively engage with agencies and the public. As a result of Covid 19, subsequent legislation and guidance, consultations methods have evolved. The methods used will vary and will be tailored to the different interest groups to make the best use of resources, maximising participation, and inclusion. These are outlined in Diagram 2 and 3 and include:

- **Advertisements** in local and community papers;
- [New Plan webpage](#) and **Social-Media**; to publicise current progress and information on how to become involved;
- **Meetings**, particularly with agencies and with other community bodies;
- **Use of Storymap and MIRO** when presenting documents online and for interactive consultation and engagement;
- [Consultation response forms](#) to encourage input, whilst promoting use of online form platforms;
- **Place Standard Tool** - different versions of the tool will be used as required to engage with different audiences;
- Building Standards and Planning Service **Stakeholder Newsletter** is published regularly and provides updates on the LDP and wider Development Plan activities to stakeholders;
- Direct mailing of contact database;
- Flier in Council Tax mailing.



DIAGRAM 2: METHODS OF COMMUNICATION

DIAGRAM 3: PROPOSED ENGAGEMENT AT EACH LDP STAGE

