



## **Moffat Place Plan 2024**

### **Statement of consultation.**

During the course of spring and summer 2024, under the auspices of the Moffat and District Community Council as lead body, an extensive programme of consultation took place regarding the preparation of the Moffat Place Plan. This Plan was intended to provide local inputs for LDP3 planning for Dumfries and Galloway Council, in line with their requirement to update LDP2 in line with NPF4

A few years earlier, extensive community consultation had taken place to create a 'Community Action Plan' highlighting the aspirations of the Moffat Community, this was followed shortly afterwards by further consultations to produce an 'Access' plan, looking at spatial planning issues. These two widely consulted documents formed the basis of the 2024 Moffat Place Plan, with no significant deviation subsequently arising from the broad content of these consulted documents.

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The launch meeting for the Place Plan consultation process involved the Community Council, Visit Moffat, Moffat Promotions Group, Space to grow, Moffat Town Hall redevelopment trust, Kirkpatrick Justa Community Council. Moffat Gala and other interested parties including elected Dumfries and Galloway Councillors.. At subsequent meetings Steven Wylie, Fraser James and Shirley Bell from Dumfries and Galloway Council joined the discussions. There was clear agreement and intent, that the Place Plan should be prepared in time to be available for Dumfries and Galloway Councils deliberations regarding the preparation of LDP3.

These was unanimous agreement that a small working team should be appointed to drive the operational activity to create the Place Plan.

This team organised the following...

1. Created an identity for all communications regarding the Place Plan
2. Created the initial series of 'internal' drafts that had been sent out to Community bodies before wider Community consultation
3. Created a dedicated web site to make the latest Place Plan drafts available for download and comment
4. Publicised the Place Plan on Facebook and the Community Council Noticeboard.

5. Organised a door drop leaflet for all houses in Moffat explaining the Place Plan and how to comment and contribute
6. Organised a series of public presentations to publicise the Place Plan seeking feedback over the course of the summer, at events such as Farmers Markets, community days in Hope Johnston and Station Parks, Rugby club events etc.
7. Made Place Plan progress a standing report issue at public meetings of the Community Council.
8. Issued the Place Plan as a series of rolling drafts through this process on line.
9. The final public opportunity for feedback was Moffat Academy's Community evening on September 9<sup>th</sup>, with a subsequent sign off at the Moffat Community Council meeting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September.
10. Dumfries and Galloway Council officers have been kept in touch with progress and provided consultation advice throughout the process.
11. The small action team noted the general degree of consensus, the absence of controversy regarding the issues raised and the absence of contrary views when incorporated into the document.
12. The key elements of the documents content were established early on, with feedback in person, via dedicated suggestion/content 'post boxes' in writing, and on-line. As the summer progressed, the number of contributions being made and the number of novel contributions reduced as all content was incorporated.
13. The editors decided at an early stage that we would separate strategic planning issues relevant to LDP3/NPF4 from the noted list of practical 'desires to see' from the community, so we included the headline 'wish-list' as an appendix so as not to distract from the strategic content. The plan notes the absence of significant deviation from LDP2.
14. After feedback expressing concern at the lack of outcomes from the previous Community Consultations already mentioned, and the suggestions arising, the editors felt obliged to include a foreword regarding the creation of an overarching body to take responsibility for encouraging and actioning the aspirations in the Place Plan.
15. The maps in the Place Plan are the area that the Place plan refers to specifically. There will be a significant number of people outside the mapped area who will be impacted by any activity within the mapped area, but we have used the map area as the basis for all elements of the preparation of the Plan.
16. The final plan was shared with Beattock and Lockerbie Community Councils on 29th August, providing them with of the finalised plan, we received no feedback. We held more than one meeting with Beattock, i.e. 'Kirkpatrick juxta' Community Council along the way. Local councillors received draft and final versions of the plan.
17. The adjoining Community Council in Beattock was invited to participate in a joint plan as per the Community Action Plan, however they decided to create their own Plan, although they attended the launch meetings and we held a specific meeting with them in the middle

of the process. Both Beattock and Lockerbie Community Councils have had copies of the draft plan as it developed.

18. The editors are satisfied that the Place Plan has accurately captured the strategic planning aspirations of the Moffat Community.